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NEWSLEAK



OCTOBER MINUTES

Nov. 2021



October OVAHC Meeting Minutes
Thirty-three members attended the meeting on Saturday, 10/16 at the home of Jo and Denny Lindauer in Walton, Ky near Union. Vice President John Jacobs called the meeting to order just after 4:00 PM. Presidents John and Lauren Wallace and Vice-President Jeff were away. Vice-President John Jacobs, Secretary Dale, Membership Sandy, Historian John Parrott, and Editor Mary Ann had no report. VP John thanked Jo and Denny for hosting on a real nice day.

Treasurer Cindy's report: Since the 9/18 John Jacobs meeting, No credits and debits: \$90 for Editor Mary Ann to pay for Adobe software to maintain our Newsleaks, a donation of \$100 to the DMH Fund in honor of Chuck Anderson. She will reimburse the Lindauers \$200 for this bonfire / meeting. Pending is a \$97.81 check to Bob Minton for printing and mailing 12 members copies of the monthly Newsleak during the year. Our balance is solvent. Tech Team Balance: \$2,174.08. Activity Activator Skip and went over future events. Bernie and Ben Grabow are going to the huge Newport car show tomorrow. VP Jeff's drummer invited our OVAHC. You are encouraged to attend the Chatfield College car show / quilt show/ arts and craft show on Saturday, October 23. Meet for breakfast at the Milford Expressway Cracker Barrel at 8:30 AM or so and we will depart at 9:30 AM. Next September we are



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going to the Pocono Enclave. Our caravan is stopping up and back overnight near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Registration is under \$300 for most events. Christmas lunch is Wednesday, December 8. Past events: Scott Brown drove his Healey over 2,000 miles and represented us at the Texas Healey Roundup in mid September and won the TSD rallye with Bob Thurman. Also in September, Jake and Joyce Jacobs and VP Jeff and Nancy Bacon went to The Summit in Newport, Rhode Island. They took about a week to travel there and back and had some interesting stops. Jake beat Del Border's modified Healey's time with Jeff's Bugeye at the gymkhana! Thursday, 9/30 was the start of the OVAHC caravan to Roundup at Mohican State Park hosted by Mid-Ohio AHC. We had eight cars and Scott Brown and Bob Thurman won the rallye. Saturday, 10/ 9 was Kurt's deluxe Fall Classic Driving Tour. Jerry and Charlene Cox lead fourteen of us on an exciting trip to Hocking Hills for 2 nights 10/11 & 12 driving home 10/13. Check the Newsleak and its calendar for details and for all other activity questions, contact Skip.

Tech team director Tim reported the tech team met while he and Bobbi enjoyed a fiftieth wedding anniversary cross country tour. Can you picture Key West? A small group went to Steve Broughton for his Healey transmission tear down. It took three sessions and then Steve broke out a manual and was able to reunite the overdrive to the tranny. Stay tuned to see how it works. We are looking for old used dummy main shafts for the tech team for alignment tools. Gary Rettig needs a Healey transmission inspection, too. Our goal is to get these cars on the road, again. Call or email Tim for advice and session help.

Delegate/Business Manager Jake will go with VP Jeff to Indianapolis, IN for the AHCA delegates' meeting in early November. The new system for membership and our new national website will be a top subject. Southern California has been using this company for years. Jake then proposed we maintain six months of the Newsleaks on our web site instead of only one. Seconded and approved.

Old business: Secretary Dale announced that September Roundup Co-chairwomen, Rosalee Campbell and Lauren Wallace have opened the RPDiamond.com OVAHC shop for club gear.

More new business: Secretary Dale discovered that the approved proposal that our club begin accepting "local only" membership dues in 2022 was counter to our bylaws. He made a new proposal to add "not" to a sentence to correct this. After much discussion, it was tabled until the next meeting in order to allow Jake to hear the AHCA's new proposals for local only members, dues, etc for 2022.

The next OVAHC meeting is at the Jake and Joyce Jacobs home in Fairfield, OH. It will be Saturday, 12/4 and start at 1:00 PM with tyre kicking, and 2:00 PM for the regular meeting. Look for details this Newsleak. VP John thanked Jo and Denny Lindauer for hosting and then adjourned the meeting. The chili consumption, basement winery tour, and bonfire followed.

Submitted by OVAHC Secretary

Dale Ballinger

Officers for 2022

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ANNOUNCING THE OVAHC CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR 2021

Please meet at The Pub at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, December 8. No presents, no meeting. Think of it as the ROMEO and Healey Hotties combination luncheon all in one! We have a room until 3 and food and drink specials to partake. Or just order off the menu. Please RSVP to me, Dale Ballinger at 859-384-1345 then 8 or by email to DLB55AH@cs.com so we can notify The Pub of our requirements.



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MINI HADDOCK BITES

our award-winning, beer-battered haddock served with traditional tartar & buffalo tartar dipping sauces

PUB PRETZELS

warm soft pretzels served with Pub Mustard for dipping -add Belhaven Beer Cheese 1

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Trip to Summit – North East AHC Bi-Yearly mini-Conclave in Newport Rhode Island September 19-22,

2021...

Jeff, Nancy, Jake and Joyce. Took a scenic route out. Jake and Joyce took the quick route home while Jeff and Nancy flew to St. Charles MO for a weekend music gig returning back to RI for their 2-day drive home.

Jeff and Nancy drove Jeff's Bugeye while Joyce and Jake choose a little more comfort in Joyce's NC Miata.

We were on the road around noon on Wednesday. Up to the Cleveland area along Lake Erie with lodging in Erie PA. Thursday took us to Watkins Glen for a quick photo Op at the race park, the waterfall, a \$60 Pizza Lunch in town and Ice Cream at the Winner Circle Ice Cream shop on the way to Amsterdam NY for the night. Friday was a great day. A scheduled stop in Springfield MA (SFMA). Springfield Museums yielded an entire museum on Dr. Suess, a Museum of History that had a very large collection on vintage Indian Motorcycles (manufactured back in the day in (SFMA)), a very large collection of Smith & Wesson guns, and the US produced Rolls Royce's also originated in (SFMA). It has a replica of the Gee Bee a racing airplane from the 1930's that Jimmy Doolittle set an air seed record at the Cleveland Air Races in 1933. Jimmy later led the raid on Tokyo in WWII earning him a Medal of Honor. The Gee Bee was designed and built in (SFMA). THEN WE WENT TO the Springfield Armory where the USA designed/manufactured our armed forces rifles from 1971 to 1968..... Home of the Springfield M1903 (WWI); M1 Grande (WWII) and the M14. I have a 1903 and M1 and researching/looking for a civilian M14.

WHAT A DAY....

Dr. Suess; vintage Motorcycles, Cars, Airplanes and Guns WOW....

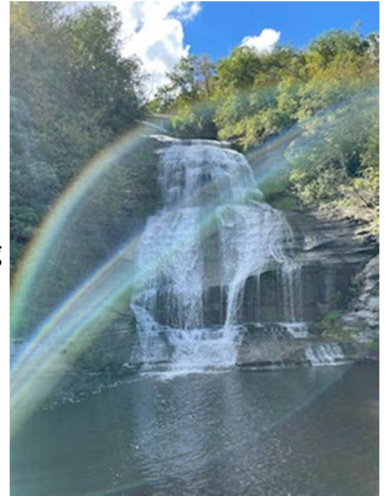
and...We were with 2 beautiful women the only thing missing was BEER (because we were still driving).

Then it was on to Prince Town (PTown) Cape Cod MA. Ptown is at the tip of Cape Cod and is a reserved Key West... A lot of Rainbow flags were flying. It is a quaint New England town with narrow streets, old old houses built on every inch of dirt possible.. with a lots of water no matter which way you choose to walk.

On Saturday we walked up the hill to the park where the Pilgrims back in 1600 something first stopped then decided to go to Plymouth. There was a car show sponsored by Lambda Car Club whose requirements are you like cars and check off one of the letters of the LGBTQ not MGBGT. There was a nice variety of really nice

cars. We walked the shops and had Ice Cream while looking at a lot of water.

Sunday was on to Newport RI. On the way out of the Cape we went to Woods Hole. It is the home of Woods Hole Oceanographical College which is part of MIT. Its claim to fame is finding the Titanic and Jennifer being a graduate (our daughter – John's sister) on the Navy's dime. Since she spent time there, we had inside information on where to find the best cookies to dine on while you looked at some more water and a cool functional draw bridge. After a relatively short drive and going over a long huge bridge we arrived in Newport Monday, we did a question-and-answer rally around Newport, about 30 miles. Saw the down town where all the old houses from the Gilded age (money, money, money), church were JFK and Jackie was married, Jackie' farm (money, money), a light house and newer houses along the coast including Jay Leno's (money, money). Newport doesn't seem to



have a Hood. If it does, we couldn't find it...

The rally was too easy, there were 8 perfect scores, with both of us missing 1 question and being out of the money.

Tuesday was the Gymkhana and Funkhanna at the Newport Car Museum at the Northrop Grumman campus. It was very high-end collection. The owner has been focusing on yacht racing lately and his wife suggested opening a museum vs. selling off/reducing his herd, since they were not spending quality time with them (money, money).

Jeff's BE had the top 2 times of the day (1st by Jeff of course and 2nd by me). I was very happy, I slipped by Del Border in his beast of a 3000 by a couple clicks...

Jeff and Nancy won the Funkhanna while Joyce and I got a ribbon being in the top 5.

Wednesday was the Car show at Independence Park in Bristol RI. A neat place on some more water that was shelled by the British fleet during the Revolution for refusing to give them some cows and sheep to eat. They have since rebuilt the damaged houses. It was the only day it rained, but held off long enough to see the cars and get in a game of Croque (I won – not Jeff).

The car show was very nice. Donald Osborne who is CEO of the Adrian Car Museum in Newport and a regular on Jay Leno's Garage drove the museum's 100. He talked at great length to Jeff. He also had me take a picture of him and Jeff with his camera. He and Jay are interest in people who drive their cars and are thinking about doing a spot on them. Never know??

In the afternoon we visited the Adrian Car Museum that had a display of NE Hot Rods and a talk by Donald O.

This was the largest Summit in their history with close to 80 and would have been over 90+ except the Canadians were not allowed across the border.

Thursday - Friday

Noting very exciting here; we stopped by the Bugeye Guy's place in CT then a long-quick 2 day drive mostly through the Arkansas portion of Pennsylvania. Sort of like looking at the water on the east coast except green.

Jeff and Nancy took the same route home. Check out Jeff's Facebook for additional pictures.

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=jeff%20porada>



Missed you all at the Wheels on Monmouth car show on Saturday, Oct 16. There were a few British cars, but mostly muscle cars and street rods—but LOTS of them. The weather couldn't have been better and the people watching was the best. Think this will be a yearly show after the great turn out.

MORE ACTIVITIES—SEPTEMBER ROUNDUP 2021

We just got back from Mohican (September Roundup) Bernie's Healey stayed home so he was in his BMW. Jerry Spurlock won best 3000, I got best SOB, and Scott Brown with Bob Thurman WON the Wally World Rally! Bernie and I got second. Much fun.

We represented OVAHC with Sandy & Dale Ballinger, Scott Brown, Charlene & Jerry Cox, Mary Ann & Bernie Grabow, Janet & John Parrott, Peggy & Jerry Spurlock, and Judy & Joe Yannone. Beautiful countryside vistas, curvy roads, and good friends and food. Nice weather until the ride home, drizzly.



FALL DRIVE/OVERNIGHT TO HOCKING HILLS



A group of members took to the roads on Monday 10/11 to celebrate Fall on the backroads of Hocking Hills, Ohio. We drove to a winery (Hocking Hills Winery), glass blowing store and demo, Ravenwood castle, covered bridge, apple farm, and hiking and sight seeing in Hocking Hills State Park. The weather was amazing as was the company and of course the food and wine. Ballingers, Grabows, Spurlocks, Cox (our noble leader) and Rosses participated in the drive.



Texas Healey Roundup - 40th Anniversary - September 17-19

I love road trips but I had to wait through three COVID related postponements to travel to this one! My first Texas Healey Roundup started with a rainy 5 hour drive to Bob Thurman's home in Bethpage, TN on 9/15 - spent the rest of the day drying out and relaxing with the rain stopping that night. Bob and I left in my car 8:00am Thursday and decided to travel by driving 200 miles, fill the gas tank, and switch drivers. We found that driving that way was not tiring at all and wound up arriving at the host hotel in Granbury, TX around 11:30pm covering over 800 miles of interstate at 70-75 mph (round of applause for the Healey that had no issues and a sigh of relief from us).

Friday was wash the car and talk with everyone followed by registration and a very tasty fajita dinner followed by hospitality and margaritas - they know how to party! In keeping with Texas weather traditions, it was in the 90's during daylight but had the added discomfort of high humidity caused by the pesky hurricane that wouldn't leave Louisiana - glad I packed double the amount of T-shirts!

Saturday was the early car show at 9-11:30 at the courthouse on the historic Granbury square where there were plenty of shops and restaurants to have lunch and plenty of Healeys to look at including a lot of hot rods and muscle cars that knew we were coming thanks to the article in the town newsletter. After lunch at the "Filling Station", we headed back to the hotel for the start of the hot afternoon rally (my top stayed up with the rear window unzipped for the entire event - way too hot). We were surprised to find that the rally was a TSD rally with questions (fortunately not too many questions and they were in travel order). The rally route took us way out in the country with hills and beautiful scenery although some of the country roads had a lot of broken road edges. Bob Thurman was an excellent navigator and we finished the course in 1-1/2 hours carefully maintaining all posted speed limits and thought we answered all the questions correctly. We had enough time to shower and change before the awards dinner at a very nice golf club restaurant close by. Car show awards came and went as with the caliber of cars there, there was no hope for my car. Rally awards were next and we were jolted back awake when our names got called for winning the rally! We evidently finished with an elapsed time only 15 seconds longer than the official time so we didn't even get any penalty points! Next closest time was in the minutes category and the questions were for tie breakers only.

Sunday morning was the Gymkhana at a large transit parking lot. 9 cars showed up in the cool of the morning at 8am to walk the course that was laid out to be fair for both Sprites and big Healey's. Runs started around 8:30 with everyone getting 3 consecutive runs - times ranged from the middle 40 seconds to the low 30 seconds (near as I can remember). We were done before 10:00 and headed back to hotel for another shower and change of clothes - then headed back to the golf course restaurant for brunch and the final awards ceremony. Another surprise - I got 3rd place in big Healey class with a 37 second time! Shortly after that, they asked where people traveled from and how far they drove a Healey to get there - I got a great looking long distance award for my 1076 miles with the only other out of state cars being from Oklahoma and Nebraska.

With awards over, all the good byes were said, and we headed back to hotel to pack and start the return journey by the same method - 200 miles - gas up and change drivers. We left about 1:00pm, ran into that pesky spent hurricane just before Little Rock and hid under an overpass for half hour until it passed and pressed on into the evening finally arriving at Bob's house at 4:30 am and hit the beds fast! Tried to leave Monday morning but that pesky storm followed us back and I postponed leaving until Tuesday morning. Trip back to Cincinnati was uneventful as the rest of the trip until I made the turn off 275 to 32 and heard what I thought was a flat tire. After pulling off the road and checking all the tires, everything looked normal and finished the last 8 miles home. The next morning I discovered a broken spoke on the front right wheel that snapped at the hub portion of the wheel and had battered the brake casting for a short while sounding sort of like a flat tire. Richard Pratt came to the rescue with a new spoke and we were able to change the spoke with dismounting the tire thus preserving the balancing of the new tires. The car performed admirably over long distance at high speed and high ambient temperatures - my trust level in the car went up quite a bit! Another great road trip!

Scott

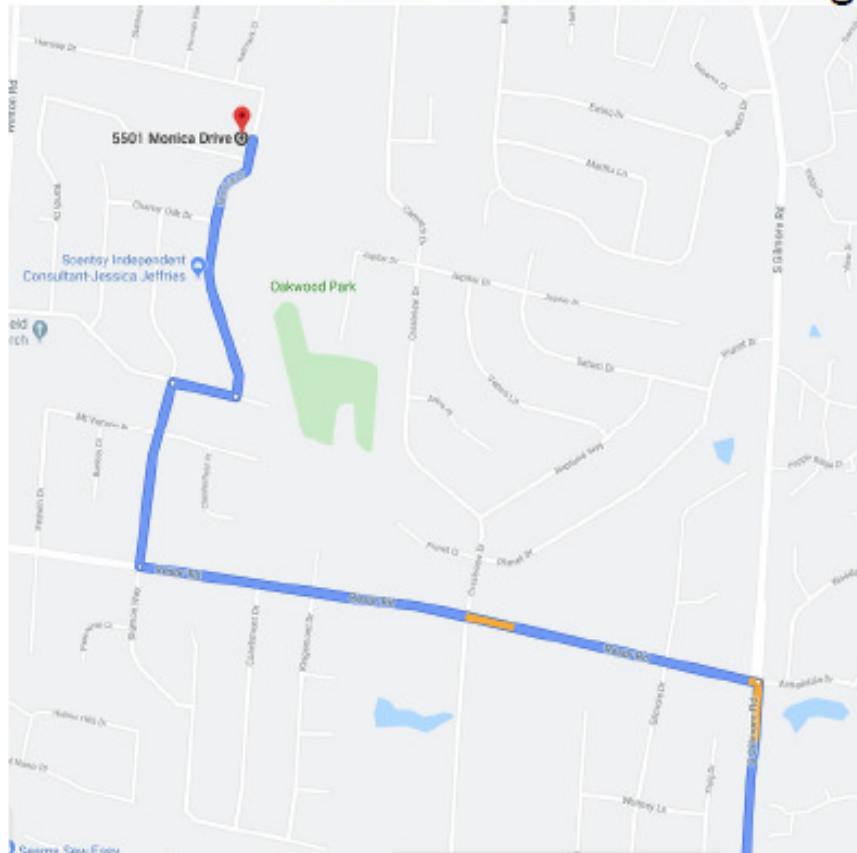
TEXAS HEALEY ROUNDUP



NOVEMBER (DECEMBER) MEETING 12/4

5501 Monica Dr. Fairfield, OH 45014

Kick tires at 1...meeting at 2



Take I-275 W to Winton Rd in Forest Park. Take exit 39 from I-275 W

Jake cell 513-509-6038
Joyce cell 513.310.0540

Take exit # 39 from I-275 for the Winton Road exit
Drive north about a mile on S. Gilmore Road
Turn left on Resor Road and go about a mile
Turn right onto Sigmon Way
Take the second right onto Oaktree Drive
Take the first left onto Monica Drive
Look for the Healeys



TECH REPORT

Tech Team members Richard Pratt, Dale Ballenger, Bernie Grabow and Tim Ross met Wednesday, October 6 at the shop of Steve Broughton to



reassemble his side-shift BN4 transmission. Richard brought cleaned and checked overdrive parts from his shop – all okay, which is where we started. We slowly stepped through the reassembly; checking, lubricating, fitting, adjusting, removal, addition of missing parts, applying sealant, reassembly, and tightening of fasteners (with new lockwashers or blue Locktite). This took most of the morning. Then on to the gearbox; which was decided to reuse the old synchronizer rings since the gearbox shifted we before disassembly. After we double counted all the loose roller bearings, the stacking of gears, synchros, thrust washers on the input and output shafts went relatively well – It's been a few Covid years since the last transmission rebuild for the team. Richard had his invaluable wood dummy layshaft to allow the reinsertion of needle bearings in two sets, and it only took Bernie and Dale two tries to get a good assembly. Richard and Dale then worked carefully for half an hour to get the layshaft and thrust washers to lay into the gearbox housing enough to be out of the way for the two major



geared shafts to be inserted from each end and joined – with another set of needle bearings. This went relatively well and with the layshaft coaxed back into place and the dummy shaft replaced with original steel, the gearset and shafts all rotated together well and quiet. It was too late in the day to finish with the mating of the overdrive, and we were having trouble with some internal splined components in the overdrive lining up. Richard will make a tool to allow for the rotation of the internal splines (someone with a spare BN4 output shaft would help) and we will finish the assembly on Thursday or Friday October 14 or 15



ORDER YOUR NEW OVAHC APPAREL



The Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club Store is now open!!!

RP Diamond has put together the items that we have requested. You will be able to purchase and have your items embroidered with the above club logo. The words *Ohio* and *Valley* will be printed **in** black **or in** white depending upon the color of the item (fabric) you choose. Light fabrics will have black lettering and fabrics with more color will have white lettering.

Get your Christmas shopping in early!!!

How to order:

Go to: rpdiamond.com

Click on: **Shop**

In the area of Categories, go down that page and you will see our category that shows the OVAHC logo. Click on **shop** and our store will open up.

Shopping:

Orders can be picked up or shipped.

Shipped orders are charged \$10 per order (not per item)

Payment is by credit card, cash or check.

Important information:

Items cannot be returned so carefully follow the size charts.

If you want to add additional items to our store, please contact Lauren Wallace or Rosalee Campbell

If you purchased and have completed payment for items, the Campbells can pick up your item/s and bring to the next club meeting.

Questions??? Please contact Lauren or Rosalee

A question was brought up about bring in your own merchandise to have a logo embroidered on. The fee is \$10.50 per item

CALENDAR

December 4—Meeting at Jake and Joyce Jacob's house

December 8.....Christmas luncheon
(no meeting at this event)

No December or January meetings

I will be combining a couple issues of News-leak due to the lack of activities and meetings

and the cold weather we won't want to go out in. Hopefully by February we will be back on Schedule. Next Newsleak will be after the Christmas event in mid Dec.



Meetings 2021

December—The Pub in Rookwood 12/8 - 1:00
(no meeting just lunch) See page 3 for details.

Meetings 2022

January—No meeting
February—Porada/Bacon
March—Wallace
April—Ballinger
May—Rettig
June—Cox

July—Grabow
August—Volfer
September—Roundup
October—Lindauer
November—Jake Jacobs
December—Restaurant TBD