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# Newsleak

**MAY MEETING**

**June 2021**



Twenty-six members attended the May meeting in person on Sunday, May 16. We began with "Happy Birthday" to host Bernie as he was celebrating his diamond jubilee. Dale thanked Mary Ann and Bernie for hosting and called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Presidents Wallace, Treasurer Cindy Loos, and Vice-Presidents John Jacobs and Jeff Porada were away. Secretary Dale, Membership Sandy, Editor Mary Ann, and historian John Parrott all had no report.

Tim gave the tech team report. Working backwards: on Monday May 10 we made a return visit to John Parrott's garage to bleed his brakes on his "new" BJ7. We removed the unpainted - fitted fenders and shrouds on his project Healey and started Josh's square body Sprite. We were at Skip's on Friday,

May 7 and removed his MGA engine. Yes, he had a two-piece crankshaft. On Monday, April 26 we worked on John and Josh Parrott's British cars and drove the Jensen-Healey and Sprite. On Sunday April 25 we were at Dad's Garage (Bernie) to fix the steering on Ben Grabow's MGB-GT. Tim fixed his own Healey speedometer and replaced his tires. Richard needs a windshield replacement. Call or email Tim if you have questions, want to join in the fun or need to schedule a session.

Jake Jacobs gave Treasurer Cindy's report. We deposited seventeen members' online rebates totaling \$ 255 for 2021. The only debit was for the \$75 allowance for the Ballinger April meeting. Tech team still has \$2,272 and our overall balance is still incredibly good.

Business Manager Jake has found a site for three 2021 drivers training sessions. Details and dates will be published. On Saturday, June 19 their Pastor has invited us to attend their car show (free) at Serenity Baptist Church 9000 Cox Rd. West Chester, OH

45069. Please make the effort to attend.

Delegate Jake reported the AHCA insurance rider will be \$200 per event. He commented that Vice President Jeff Porada and Nancy Bacon are in California to attend the Big Bear Conclave.

Activity Activator Skip asked who is going to Springthing Thursday, May 20 for a 3-day fun-filled weekend. Caravan info from Murphy's in Florence was shared. Concours D'elégance on Sunday, June 13 has prepaid \$20 tickets for our club available from Skip, saving \$5. Let him know if you want to buy some and be prepared to pay him. We will meet again at the First Watch in Rookwood Commons for breakfast and to start the caravan



<http://OhioValleyAHC.com>

# Minutes continued

together to our GREAT club corral parking spot.

The Hendersonville, NC trip will start Wednesday, June 23. Stop at the Cumberland Gap overnight going down. John Wallace is looking for a count. As of now, seven couples are interested. New info: make your reservation at the Best Western in NC and not the Hampton Inn. Ask for the Austin – Healey group and the first floor if you do not like steps. Also, John wants the return caravan to be two stops. He likes the Boone Tavern in Berea, KY. The members present decided they want to blast home in one day. Contact President John with any questions, please. Vice President Jeff requests that we attend the July 11 Gilmore Museum, Mad Dogs and Englishmen with a tribute to everything Healey car show in Michigan. In mid-September Jake and Joyce Jacobs along with Jeff Porada and Nancy Bacon, will attend The Summit in Rhode Island. Late September we will have a caravan to September Roundup 2021 at Mohican State Park. The Southeast Classic is over 900 miles south on October 21 in Tampa, Florida. Scott Brown and Joe Yannone are planning on attending. September 2022, the Enclave will be in the Poconos in New York state. For activity questions, contact Skip.

Old business: The 2022 September Roundup committee is constantly working on the planning for our 9/8-11/2022 event. Get your Healeys all fixed up and please be willing to participate in this exciting show.

New business: Healey ROMEO guys' lunch is 5/19 at Cabana on the River near Cleves at 1:00 PM. Healey Hotties ladies' lunch is 5/26 at 12:30 at Grove Park Grille near Riverbend. Contact the Wallaces if you have luncheon questions. The next meeting is at the Hall / King home in Fairfield on Saturday, June 12. Details will be published in the Newsleak.

Secretary Dale thanked the Grabows for hosting and then adjourned the meeting.



## Caught in the Act

John Parrott observing prayers to the “gods of Healey repairs” for a quick solution.



The Healey Hotties gathered at Bishop's Quarter, Loveland, OH for our monthly luncheon and “girl talk” (no crank shafts or engine talk!). Despite the rainy weather we had a wonderful afternoon together.

## CALENDAR

**June 12—Car Club Meeting at Hall/King's**

**June 23—Henderson, NC** 2 days down..maybe 4 days there and 1 day back planned

**July 11—Mad Dog and Englishmen**

**September 30—October 2—** September roundup at Mohican Lodge in Ohio 30 rooms are reserved at a special price, make a reservation now!

**October 23—**Chatfield College car show and Fall event

**October 21 24 .....Southeast Classic—**Tampa Bay AHC is the host for Southeastern Classic XXXIV in 2021. Previously it was planned for April 22-25, 2021. However due to Covid still being of great concern, we have decided to postpone it until October 21-24, 2021. It will be held in Safety Harbor, Florida (just north of St. Petersburg) and the popular car show will be held alongside the All British Car Show & Autojumble which TBAHC has hosted for many years. We think that you will enjoy the Southeastern Classic and the car show with our other British marques as well.

*The host hotel will be the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa, and we will distribute registration forms within the next month or so. Please mark your calendar and we hope to see you in the Fall!*

## Meetings 2021

June—Hall/King

July—Cox

August—Wolfer

September—Campbell

October—Lindauer

November—Jacobs

December—TBD

# Tech Team report:



The OVAHC Tech Team met on April 25th at Bernie's garage to work on one of Ben's fleet of British cars, in this case the 1973 MGB GT. On the menu for this session was a new steering rack, tie rod ends, and alignment. The old rack came out with minimal fuss and the new rack was installed and shimmed in place for easy steering lock to lock. With the added help of Richard's laser alignment tool and some math well beyond Ben's journalism education



the alignment was complete in short order. With enough Tech Team members in house for additional projects, the SU carburetors were removed, disassembled and rebuilt by Dennis Lindauer, then reinstalled and carefully tuned by Richard the carb whisperer. The day ended with a smooth running and smooth steering MGB GT and Bernie's yard ended with one less mole thanks to Dale the mole whisperer. Thanks to the tech team including Bernie, Richard, Dale, Dennis, Scott, Skip, Ken and Paul for all your help!



Friday, May 7, 2021, the OVAHC tech team met at the shop of Skip Jackson to remove the MGA engine and verify the broken crankshaft and document other damage. We also were asked to check out a carb issue on Skip's Bugeye. The team this day consisted of Richard



Pratt, Dale Ballinger, Paul Schondelmayer, Dennis Lindauer, Ken Campbell, Gary Rettig, Bernie Grabow and Tim Ross. Dale and Ken worked mostly on their backs removing the starter, clutch slave cylinder, wiring, and disconnecting the driveshaft. Others disconnected items on the topside of the engine, removed some items in the way (Skip had previously removed the radiator and



dropped the oil pan) and attached the rolling engine hoist from Bernie. Using Richards' variable tilting devise, many hands slowly angled, lifted, and pulled the engine with connected transmission out of the body. A series of impediments were identified and removed; trans dip stick, driveshaft, front crank nut, and timing chain cover. Finally the engine JUST barely slipped out! All hands congratulated themselves. The transmission was unbolted, as was the clutch and flywheel. With Bernie and Tim horsing the motor on its side on the bench, we removed the head, main and connecting rod bearing cap bolts and then the main cap bolts. With some tapping the TWO-PIECE crankshaft was removed, broken at the edge of #4 cylinder rod bearing. No JB-Weld will fix this. Richard inspected and pronounced the fitness of each component that was removed for Skip to note on his growing parts replacement list. We noted that three of the cylinder bores were rusty, and that the pistons

were .020 oversized. Skip will now complete his searching for a good replacement 1600 MGA crankshaft or a complete motor. Dale, as usual, also led helpers Dennis, Gary, Tim and others with upgrades to the shop, including the back door and overhead lighting. After a pizza and beer lunch; Tim, Bernie and Richard removed the Bugeye rear carb and replaced the float bowl outlet hose and jet that was leaking.

## Monday, 5/10 tech session at John Parrott's



The OVAHC Tech Team met again on a nice Monday morning at the John and Janet Parrott farm outside of Bethel, OH. The usual great group of workers assembled and included Messrs. Pratt, Cox, Rettig, Schondelmayer, Campbell, Lindauer, Grabow, Ballinger, Ross and Jackson. Since the last tech session, John has replaced the leaking RR brake cylinder, and Richard Pratt had balanced John's rear brake drums. While Richard, Bernie and others reinstalled and adjusted the rear brakes on the BJ7; Gary Rettig, Dale Ballinger and Jerry Cox took all the properly-fitted body panels off John's Project Healey so the frame/chassis could be media-blasted and painted. The team recommended the blasting by done by someone who could come to his garage. Otherwise the tech team is available to lift the frame to load it on John's or Tim's trailer. Tim Ross and Jerry Cox went up to the barn to replace the coil on the Josh Parrott Sprite and get it started. Using a battery booster and chemical booster (starting ether), we got it running and after a short warm-up it settled into a low idle of 800 rpm (we believe it

likes 1000 rpm for smoothness). After plenty of warm up, the water temperature reached hot and there was steam and antifreeze from either a hose end or the water pump – to be further driven and evaluated. We did not start or have any other work to do on the Jenson Healey. Meanwhile, Dale was finished with the Healey body panels and needed some fishing worms, which he started to find in the trench drain in front of the garage. He enlisted help from Gary and Ken, and ended-up with removing the covers and cleaning-out the entire trench, and finding 20 worms. After a great sloppy Joe lunch, the top was stowed on John's BJ7 for a test drive with Richard and John – which went well with no further adjustments needed. And Dale caught a few fish.

## JUNE OVAHC MEETING

Rob and Julie King with Tom Hall will host the OVAHC meeting on their deck in Fairfield on Saturday, June 12, 2021. Arrive early to kick tyres at 1:00 PM, or before 2:00 PM when we start the meeting.

They are allowing me, Dale Ballinger to stage a car drive the same day.

Folks can skip the drive and go only to the meeting or do the drive first.

It is your choice. If you bring your own chairs, you can sit 6 feet

apart outside if that is what you prefer due to the virus. The meeting will be a traditional face to face with spacing that you determine. Masks are not required.

BYOB if you have a favorite, but they will have something to drink and have snacks to eat.

**FOR THE DRIVE:** Meet at 11:30, Saturday June 12 for a short 45 mile, 75 minute drive into Butler County, touching Indiana briefly, ending at the June OVAHC meeting. Meet at 11:30 at the Speedway, 11620 Hamilton Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45231.

Take exit # 36 for Hamilton / Mt Healthy US 127 from I275.

Go north towards Hamilton and Speedway Gas is on the right in 1/4

mile. Pit and fill up here, as we will not stop as a group. The countryside drive will start at 11:45. Last about 1 hour and 15 minutes driving only 45 miles. It has curvy roads, nice scenery, little towns, and babbling brooks.

Ends at the meeting spot about 1:00 PM. Dale's cell is 859-818-4785 if you have any questions or comments.

**FOR THE MEETING:** If you wish to just attend the June OVAHC meeting, go directly to the Tom Hall

/ Juli & Rob King house at 4771 Pleasant Avenue in Fairfield, Ohio 45014.

Take exit 36 for Hamilton / Mt Healthy US 127 from

I-275. Go north through Fairfield and towards Hamilton on Route 127

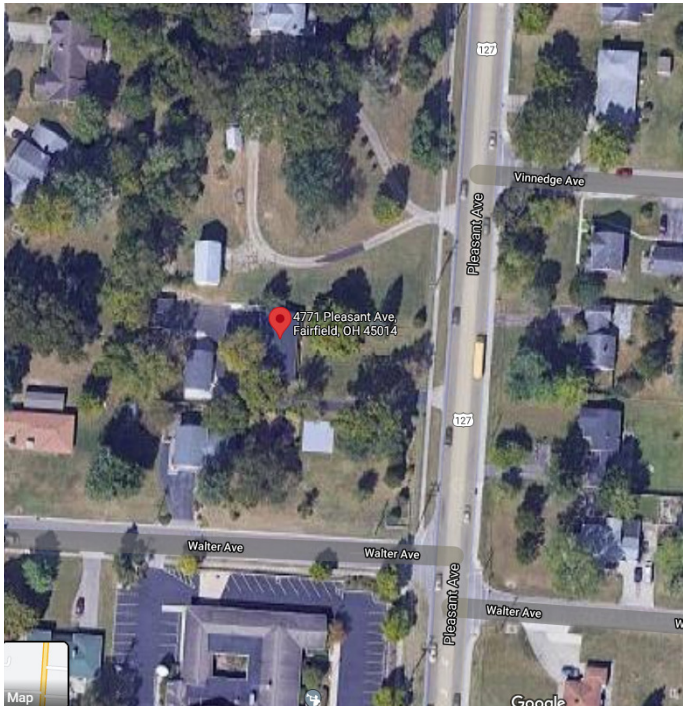
North for 4.2 miles. Drive past downtown Fairfield and look for a British flag.

Their house is on the left, just past Walter Ave, 4771 Pleasant Avenue.

Arrive at 1:00 to kick tyres. The meeting will start at 2:00 PM.

Questions or lost phone number is 513-319-8888 for Rob King.

# JUNE MEETING: 6/12 1:00

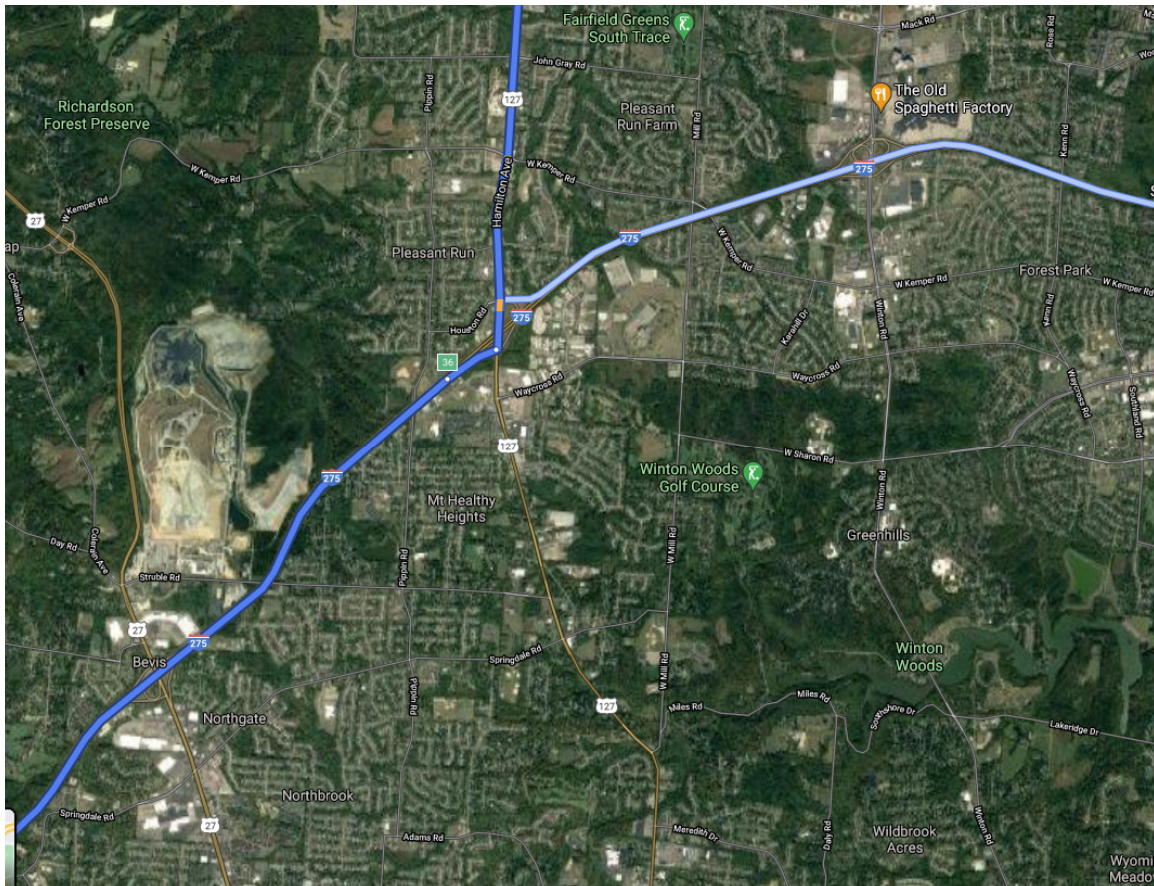


**King/Hall**  
**4771 Pleasant Ave**  
**Fairfield, Ohio 45014**  
**(513)319-8888**

275 to exit 36 US-127 Mount Healthy/  
Hamilton  
Head North 4.3 miles.

Hamilton Ave becomes Pleasant Ave.

First driveway on left just past Walter Ave.  
There will be a British flag and cars out front.



# SEPTEMBER ROUNDUP 2021

We are pleased to announce the Mid-Ohio Austin Healey Club is hosting this years Fall Roundup at Mohican State Lodge, 1098 County Road, Perrysville Ohio in Ashland County. The Lodge is located in an 1,100 acre State Park which is adjacent to a 4,525 acre State Forest, next to an area known as Amish Country. Rolling hillsides, forests, Amish made furniture, baked goods, antiquing are abundant everywhere.

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We have 30 rooms reserved under the Austin Healey Club. Please reserve your room early as this is a very popular area this time of year and rooms sell out. Registration form can be downloaded from the Mid-Ohio Austin Healey Club site

[Mid-Ohio Austin-Healey Club \(google.com\)](http://Mid-Ohio Austin-Healey Club (google.com))

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**2021 FALL ROUNDUP**  
**September 30 - October 3**  
**REGISTRATION FORM**

**MAKE ROOM RESERVATION WITH MOHICAN STATE LODGE 419-938-5411**

MENTION AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB FOR CLUB RATE \$ 125 PER NIGHT (THR, FRI, SAT)

A THREE NIGHT STAY IN ROOMS WITH DOUBLE BEDS ARE DISCOUNTED FOR THURSDAY NIGHT \$95 FRIDAY AND SATURDAY \$ 125.00 / NIGHT

WE RESERVED 30 ROOMS THEY WILL BE RELEASED TO GENERAL PUBLIC AUGUST 26th

EVENT DATES SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 3 DEPART SUNDAY THE 3<sup>RD</sup>

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **GUEST** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**CAR MODEL & YEAR** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL CAR MODEL &**

**YEAR** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLUB AFFILA-**

**TION** \_\_\_\_\_

**EARLY REGISTRATION \$ 70 PER CAR DEADLINE IS 8-14-2021**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**LATE REGISTRATION \$ 80 PER CAR AFTER 8-15-2021**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**AWARDS DINNER BUFFET \$ 40 PER PERSON \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 40**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**T-SHIRT 50/50 blend QTY \_\_\_MED \_\_\_LG \_\_\_XL \_\_\_XXL \$ 10 EA**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SHIRT ORDER DEADLINE 8-14-21**

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: MID-OHIO AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB**

**MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK TO:**

**BRIAN McNAMARA**

**6443 MEADOW GLEN DRIVE NORTH**

**WESTERVILLE, OH 43082**

**614-882-9117**



# Mad Dogs & Englishmen XXX

Join us as we celebrate our  
30th Anniversary, with over 350  
motor cars and motorcycles in  
attendance.

80 awards in 30 categories.

## *Our 30th British Auto Faire*

Sunday, July 11, 2021 at the Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI

Rally on Saturday July 10



This year the Featured Marque celebrates

### **EVERYTHING HEALEY - A TRIBUTE TO DONALD HEALEY.**

The early Healeys—Nash Healeys—Jensen Healeys—the Big Healeys—  
Austin Healeys—Austin Healey Sprites

#### *Saturday, July 10*

#### **30th Anniversary Rally**

A fun afternoon of driving, completing tasks,  
and searching for your next destination.

Meet at 11:00 at DeNooyer Jaguar for the  
driver's meeting and start of the rally. The

day concludes with a dinner. (Pre-registration  
appreciated by July 5.)

#### *Sunday, July 11*

On-site registration 8 am—noon

Car Games on the oval track

Valve Cover Racing  
British Tea in the afternoon

Access to the Museum Grounds

Parts Vendors and Cars for Sale

Voting in 30 categories

T-shirts, hats for sale

All British Cars, trucks and

motorcycles welcome

#### **RARE GEM DELOREAN**



Polish that stainless—  
looking for all DeLoreans—maybe  
even a Back to the Future car?



Special Guest author Bill Emerson will be at the  
show on Sunday, with a talk and stories at 10:00  
and 2:00.

He has written several books on Austin Healey  
and has produced Healey DVDs. He was a personal  
friend and associate of Donald Healey.

Stop and chat with Mr. Emerson—he will also  
be available to autograph his books.



Pre-registration is encouraged. Registration also  
available at the gate on show day.

Registration form on the website at [www.maddogsandenglishmen.org](http://www.maddogsandenglishmen.org)  
or call 269 344 5555 for more information.

email- [britishcars@maddogsandenglishmen.org](mailto:britishcars@maddogsandenglishmen.org)