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NEWSLEAK

AUGUST MEETING

Sept. 2021



Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club meeting today at the home of Chris and Donna Wolfer was a huge success with great food and camaraderie.



August OVAHC Meeting Minutes
Thirty-one members attended the August picnic / meeting on Saturday, August 21 at the Wolfer home in Alexandria, KY. President John Wallace called the meeting to order about 2:00 PM and thanked Chris and Donna for hosting. (applause) Vice-President Jeff, Tech team director

Tim, Activity Activator Skip, and historian John Parrott were away. The Presidents, Vice-President John Jacobs, Secretary Dale, Membership Sandy, and Editor Mary Ann had no report.

Treasurer Cindy's report: Since the 7/10 Cox meeting credit of \$57.50 for split-the-pot. Debit of \$33 to Cindy for postage stamps, \$200 for the Wolfer picnic. President John asked Cindy about our cash flow. She said we are spending about \$900 annually more than we take in. The two 2021 drivers' training had income, and Lauren's split-the-pot is helping. The 2022 September Roundup may show a profit as in years past, too. It looks like our flow is manageable at this time. Tech team still has \$2,272 and our overall balance is good. Dale filled in for Activity Activator Skip and went over the upcoming events. President John asked for a winery tour and Dale came up with one for Wednesday, 9/8 in Indiana. Denny Lindauer is planning a Kentucky wine tour, so stay tuned. Thursday, Septem-



August Minutes Continued

ber 30 is the start of the OVAHC caravan to Roundup at Mohican State Park hosted by Mid-Ohio AHC. President John also asked for an overnight Healey excursion and Jerry and Charlene Cox delivered another for this October. You are invited to visit Hocking Hills for 2 nights 10/11 & 12 driving home 10/13. The Christmas party is planned for 1:00 PM at The Pub in Rookwood Commons on Wednesday, December 8. Check the News-leak and its calendar for details. For all other activity questions, contact Skip. Delegate/Business Manager Jake reported the two OVAHC drivers training sessions were successful. However the September session will be canceled due to our core workers going out of town and the pastor's request. For next year Jake will approach Live Oaks again. But if anyone has any other lead, contact him. The delegates voted to introduce a new AHCA dues membership process. It will be an interactive web site and give us better overall access and service. The 2021 AHCA rosters were delivered in the summer. The AHCA requested we do a better job of informing the USPS of your address changes, especially "snowbirds" so they don't waste Healey Marques. *The Healey calendar asks for a \$250 donation to the DMH Fund for your car photos to be included. If you want in it, the backlog is two years, so do not delay.*

Scott filled in for Tech team director Tim and said he helped Bernie with his turn signal problems. Scott purchased a Gunson Trakrite toe-in alignment tool for the club. This tool (ball bearing pad) is placed inline with a front tire and then the Healey pushed forward over the tool. You read the results, adjust the tie rod bar and repeat for both sides. Scott said it worked on his Healey to eliminate steering pull, wander, and shuttle shake. Now the steering wheel is straight and if he lets go, it remains true. A motion was made to reimburse Scott, seconded, and passed. This is now in our tech team arsenal. As a reminder our tech team works for coffee and doughnuts at 9:30 in the morning and Coors light and pizza after noon. Call or email Tim if you have questions, want to join in the fun, or need to schedule a session.

John Wallace noted that as far as Healey history, Don Klein was nice enough to bring a 1984 Healey Chatter and old photos for us to peruse. It included a report on the Snowshoe, West Virginia Conclave with some interesting photos. Additionally it said that Ken Kreuter was first in the gymkhana and Don Klein was second nationally.

Old business: Co-chairwomen, Rosalee Campbell and Lauren Wallace displayed samples of the gear from our 2022 September Roundup supplier. They had hats, long and short sleeve shirts, and knit shirts with the OVAHC logo at the meeting. They are in the process of creating an "OVAHC Store" with www.rpdiamond.com out of Loveland, OH for your on demand purchases of OVAHC logo items. The target is October for sales to commence. If you have suggestions for certain items from the [rpdiamond.com](http://www.rpdiamond.com) site you wish to purchase, please contact the chairwomen to have the items included in the "OVAHC Store". You will be able to choose your size, color, pay for them with \$10 shipping per or-

der (any quantity), or pay first and then pick up the items in Loveland without a shipping fee. And next year it will include September Roundup Covered Bridge theme show gear. Chris Wolfer created the logo for the September 2022 Roundup and was given credit by Lauren. Rosalee also showed her new "save the date" 2022 show page which we will take to the Mid-Ohio Roundup this September. The flyer photography was by Scott Brown. The Healey belongs to John Parrott and John and Janet Parrott are in the car. Picture taken at the Stonelick-Williams Corner Covered Bridge.

New business: The 2022 OVAHC officer nominations were opened. Vice-presidents Jeff Porada and John Jacobs will automatically move up to Presidents. Scott Brown was nominated by Dale Ballinger and will be vice-president for two years before becoming President for two more. President John asked for any other nominations and there were none. All of the remaining slate again accepted their positions for 2022.

More New business: The OVAHC meeting locations for 2022 were opened for volunteers. January was left out for lack of business and winter weather concerns. February Porada / Bacon, March Wallace, April Ballinger, May Rettig, June Cox, July Grabow, August Wolfer, September was left open due to our Roundup and Conclave, but John Jacobs said he could be a standby, October Lindauer, November Jake Jacobs, and December a restaurant / pub T.B.D. President Lauren has decided to supplement our funds by conducting a split-the-pot raffle for this meeting and beyond. Five tickets for five dollars or a dozen tickets for ten dollars.

Dale happily won the \$45 drawing and the club kept \$45.

The next OVAHC meeting is at the home of John and Ashley Jacobs in Loveland, OH on Saturday, September 18. Look for details this Newsleak. President John thanked Chris and Donna for hosting and then adjourned the meeting. (applause) Member Gary Rettig quickly grabbed the mic and asked the gang to check out his Healey parts on the table outside and help him identify what old stuff was good or not, and what they heck they were! The fantastic picnic commenced and everyone had a great time!

Submitted by OVAHC Secretary

Dale Ballinger

Romeos met for lunch on 8/18 at Molly Malone's in Covington. Parking was at a premium and Richard got lost ...Garmin! (thus being added to the picture). All enjoyed their day away from the Healey Hotties.



TECH SESSIONS

Tech Session 7/24—Richards windshield replacement

A few members of the Ohio Valley AHC Tech Team met with Richard Pratt on Saturday morning, 7/24/21 to replace his windshield glass which had cracked. He got insurance to pay for a new glass from England. He had experience, along with Scott Brown, on the replacement procedure, and John Wallace and Tim Ross also attended as helpers/learners. The removal took patience, would have been easier if Richard believed in anti-seize for the support bolts when originally installed. The chromed frame parts were unscrewed, and the old glass removed okay. The weather-stripping was in excellent condition and was reused around the glass – so there is weather-stripping left over that came with the replacement glass. We used a liberal amount of WD-40 to lubricate the rubber when installing the four chrome frame channels and fiddling with the screws that tied it all together. The WD-40 came back to bite us when Richard tried “adjusting” the rubber in the channels, causing the rubber to extrude out the other side, so we carefully repeated the glass/rubber/frame assembly. The installation of the completed windshield back into the BJ8 was also fiddly due to the two “shims” on each side under the mounting support plates which had four bolt holes that had to be lined-up along with the dash support tabs – MUCHO PATIENCE required. After all this and cleaning the glass – we drove to a nice lunch with beer.

In the spare time while working on the windshield, we attempted to fix a fuel tank outlet leak on the Wallace Healey with a new fitting from Healey Surgeons. Unfortunately, the brass ferrule could not withstand the heat of Richards’ brazing torch, so a brass hose barb of the exact size and configuration needed was miraculously found in Richards’ fitting collection – no brazing needed. This solved the fuel leak issue – we think.



Tech Session 8/12/21 - Bernie's BJ8 Turn Signals Mystery

While returning home from the OVAHC trip to North Carolina, I was asked by club President, John Wallace if I normally used my turn signals to which I said yes. That's when I was informed my turn signals were not working. The Lucas flasher unit, which had worked fine since I restored my Healey in 2009, was replaced with flashers from Moss. The first three failed so I ordered a fourth and also bought a NAPA flasher which didn't work completely.

After a lot of speculation about the cause for the failing flashers, from broken wires, bad connections, poor grounds, etc. and no conclusions drawn, OVAHC tech team member, Scott Brown, graciously agreed to come help me trace down my problem.

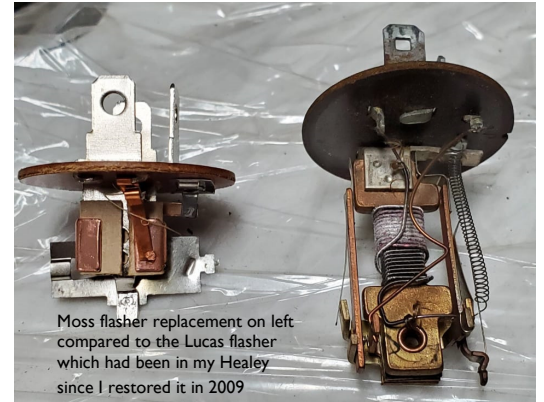
As the outside temperature rose into the 90s+, Scott and I spent a relaxing cool morning in my air-conditioned garage diagnosing my flasher problem with a You Tube station playing classic blues music in the background and hot coffee and donuts as an appropriate energy source. All related wiring, connections and circuits were tested and connections inspected and cleaned from the horn/turn signal, to the front and rear signals, to the flasher and to the dash indicator lights.



The Moss flashers were tested and confirmed to be defective. The NAPA flasher tested to be ok even though it didn't work when installed. All wiring and connections checked out to be sound. Then I replaced the halogen bulbs in the rear turn signals with standard filament bulbs. Voila! Turn signals worked!

I have been using halogen bulbs in the rear turn signals of my BJ8 for many years. We surmise too much current was being drawn through the original Lucas flasher coil because of the halogen bulbs causing the coil wiring to become very thin over the past 12 years leading to its failure. It seems the Moss replacement flashers were not up to the task for halogen turn signal bulbs for any amount of time while the more substantial coil in the Lucas flasher lasted for many years.

Although I now have turn signals that worked, both dash indicator lights flashed simultaneously whether giving a right or a left signal. This condition was resolved for a short time when the fourth Moss flasher arrived and the NAPA flasher was replaced. However, the next time I drove it, the dash indicator lights flashed opposite of the turn indicator and tail lights with one indicator staying lit while the wrong indicator was flashing. I have a fifth new flasher from Moss but as long as the turn signals are working I will carry it as a spare, ignore the dash indicator lights and give my back a rest while I consider my options.



Tech Session 8/24/21 - John Parrots BJ7

/24 Richard Pratt, Scott Brown, and Jerry Cox assembled in the air conditioned garage of John Parrott for engine running and choke cable issues. Richard, John, and Jerry started on the choke cables which were pretty well shredded and bound up inside the sheaths. After some coaxing to get them extracted, the cables were made useable by either removing broken wire strands or twisting the back to a tighter bundle that would go through the sheath and the cable stops.

I checked the distributor and found the internal flexible ground wire was not only missing all the insulation, but most of the wire strands were broken. I was going to make a new wire, Jerry Cox came to the rescue and said I've got my old MGB distributor in the car. Sure enough it had a useable ground wire inside which was quickly cannabalized and both ends soldered into John's distributor. Putting the distributor cap back on, we found the #4 plug wire pulled out from the cap - wire was never pushed in all the way - wire fixed, cap back on and we were ready to start the engine? And the engine would not start for anything....coil was changed and nothing.

Finally, Richard was watching me double check plug wires and found that I had a senior stupid moment and had arranged the plug wires in CW firing order instead of CCW. Duhh - plug wires changed and engine started right up. John painted some duplicate timing marks on a pulley that we could see and nailed the timing at 15 degrees with the engine running very smoothly.

As a final act of destruction, we removed the passenger chrome door spear for John to mount a different side view mirror. Thanks again to Jerry Cox for unknowingly having the exact part that was needed in the trunk of his MGB! Unfortunately, no pictures were taken.



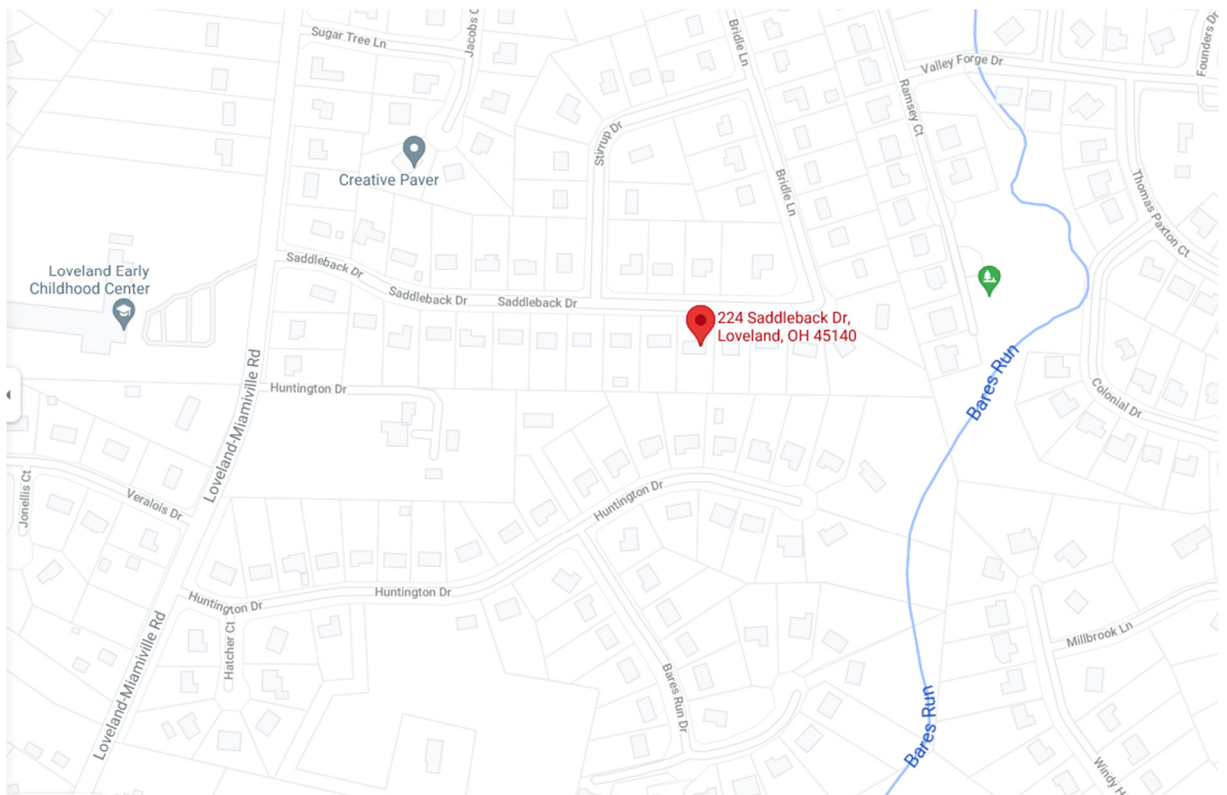
Healey Hot-
ties at Grand
Finale for
lunch on
7/28

SEPTEMBER MEETING 9/18

On Saturday, September 18 Ashley and John Jacobs along with Ella and Bobby, will host the OVAHC meeting at their home in Loveland. Please arrive for tyre kicking at 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM for the start of the meeting. Their new address is: 224 Saddleback Drive Loveland, Ohio 45140 and now live in a neighborhood with lots of room for parking. They will have the usual snacks and drinks, but if you have a favorite adult libation, you are welcome to BYOB.

Use GPS or basic directions are: Take I 275 to exit 54 for Wards Corner Road. Head north-east towards Loveland on Wards Corner for 2.5 miles. When you pass Miami Lakes Drive the name changes to Loveland-Miamiville Road so go 0.4 mile more. When you see the "Welcome to Loveland" sign slow down. When you get to another school crossing and see a wooden sign that says "Steeplechase" turn right onto Saddleback Drive and Jacobs will be on the right in 0.2 mile. Lost phone number is 513-310-9426.

I know it is hard to read, blow up the picture while you still have it on the computer and it is easier to see.



<https://www.google.com/maps/place/224+Saddleback+Dr,+Loveland,+OH+45140/@39.2544884,-84.2458498,17z/data=!4m1!3m1!3m6!1s0x8840ff36fea8354d:0xde9371d52c798ec!2s224+Saddleback+Dr,+Loveland,+OH+45140!3b1!8m2!3d39.2542187!4d-84.2459484!3m4!1s0x8840ff36fea8354d:0xde9371d52c798ec!8m2!3d39.2542187!4d-84.2459484?hl=en&authuser=0>

CALENDAR

August 28—Bellfountain Hill climb <https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/bellefontaine-hill-climb-revival-iii-corkscrew-zanesfield-ohio-sports-car-318691>

September 8—Wine drive (see details)

September 19-23—Summit 2021 Austin Healey Club of New England, Wayfinder Hotel, Newport RI Jacobs & Jeff/Nancy registered

September 30—October 2— September roundup at Mohican Lodge in Ohio <https://sites.google.com/site/midohioahc> *

October 11-13—Overnight drive to Hocking Hills (2 nights)

October 16—Meeting and bonfire

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.

Hello all OVAHC, Jerry and Charlene Cox are inviting you to join them for a Hocking Hills two night / hiking, dining, and winery tour event. Monday, October 11 and 12 driving home the 13th. Meet them at 9:30 AM Owensville UDF address: 109 E Main St Owensville Oh 45160 to begin the trip. Make your own reservation for H.I. Express address: 12916 Grey Street, Logan, OH, 43138 (740) 385-7700 direct number, ask for senior discount if you want 2 guests Senior rate base price of \$117.00. With taxes and fees is \$132.50. Reply to Jerry at bluesprite1964@gmail.com so he knows who is going.



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Wine Tastings: \$1.50 each 5 for \$7.00 /\$1 each add'l
proceed to Ertel's for lunch? More wine? Been there, good food and drink.
Dale https://ertelcellarswinery.com/documents/Lunch_Dinner_Menus_051320.pdf



Meet 11:15 AM on Wed 9/8/2021 at exit 16 off 275 for Lawrenceburg. 440 Belleview Drive Greendale, IN 47025

Announcing the OVAHC caravan to Mohican State Park

For September Roundup hosted by Mid-Ohio AHC at Mohican S.P. located: 4700 Goon Road, Perrysville, OH 44864, you are invited to drive up together on Thursday 9/30/2021. We caravan starting at the Home Depot off I-75 at the Tylersville Road exit # 22. It is behind the Bob Evans. Address is:

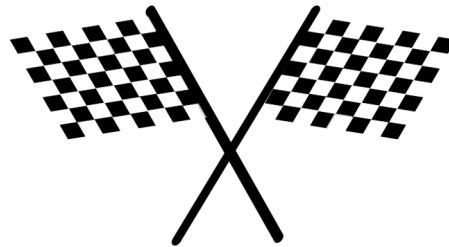
7749 Dudley Drive, West Chester, OH 45069. You should eat breakfast at home before we plan to leave together. Be there about 10:00 AM to meet and we depart at 10:15. We will go up Route 42 and then more back roads.

Remember the Amish restaurant we stopped at in 2017? Yummy and it will be our lunch stop again in Plain City, Ohio. It is the Der Dutchman and the address is: 445 S. Jefferson Route 42 Plain City, OH 43064. It is just over 2 hours driving time to there. So after a pit stop along the way around Xenia, we should have lunch about 12:40. Then it is about 90 minutes to the lodge and check-in about 4:00 PM. Questions, ask Skip. Email jackson.skip@yahoo.com or call 513-720-7547



Meetings 2021

September—John Jacobs
October—Lindauer
November—Jacobs
December—The Pub in Rookwood 12/8 - 1:00
(no meeting just lunch)



Meetings 2022

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

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