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Newsleak



NOVEMBER MEETING

December 2022
OVAHC November
2022 Meeting Minutes

Thirty-three members attended the meeting on Saturday, November 5 at the Jacobs home in Fairfield. The day was bright, very windy, sunny, and seventy degrees with leaves blowing everywhere. President John Jacobs called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM and thanked our hosts Joyce and Jake.



President Jeff sadly informed us on the recent passing of member Billy Owens. Rest in peace.

Vice-President Scott, Secretary/Membership Dale, Historian John Parrott, President John Jacobs, and Web Site Administrator Don Klein had no report. Editor Mary Ann and Tech Director Tim were not present.

Tech Director Tim sent his report via email. On Friday, 10/21/22, six OVAHC Tech Team members met at the garage of Steve Bossert in Hamilton to do adjustments and give an initial evaluation on Steve's BT7 Healey that he recently purchased. We had help from Richard Pratt, Bernie Grabow, Paul Schondelmayer, and Dan Durbin along with Tim Ross and of course, Steve Bossert with his Florida green big Healey. Call or email Tim for advice, info on how to help, or to request a session.

Delegate / Business Manager Jake Jacobs informed us that when he attends the AHCA delegate meeting November 12 he expects them to raise dues for 2023. That is why they asked us to postpone paying dues until December. He gave a detailed preview of the issues concerning the dues changes that include affecting future publication of the Healey Marque magazine. Stay tuned for developments. If any members have topics for conversation or concerns for the delegates' meeting, contact Jake soon.

November meeting continued

Activity Activator Skip's report was given by Secretary Dale. The Chatfield College car show and caravan was 10/22. Scott took pictures at the McCafferty Road covered bridge and printed them.. We won 4 door prizes but no trophies. Great time was had by all, and see you next year. If you have any drives or activities you want to lead, please step up. Check the Newsleak and its calendar for future details and for all other activity questions, contact Skip.

Treasurer Cindy reported since the October bonfire at the Lindauer home in Walton, Ky: Credits: Split-the-Pot \$50, new members Mike and Kim Bish, Dave and Vicki Roberts paid their dual membership to our club of \$15 for \$30 total. We took in \$80. Debits: Bob Minton Newsleak printing and mailing expenses of \$82.89. Currently we have 13 members that are mailed the hard copy of the newsletter. November meeting host Jake and Joyce Jacobs \$75 for total debits \$157.89. Our balance is solvent. The Tech Team balance is \$2,167.97. Cindy said she is required annually to submit an accounting of all our costs for the delegates' meeting. That will be published by Mary Ann per our bylaws. Cindy has the receipts for everything if anyone wants to see them.

The September Roundup co-chairs handed out a detailed final summary of our show which included a financial report. This critique of the event which includes compliments and suggestions is on file with the Treasurer. Rosalee Campbell said, "If anyone wants a copy, I can email it to them. Contact me at RRMC4344@aol.com." Rosalee then asked for those on the committee to raise their hands for special recognition. Lauren Wallace said Rosalee was very instrumental in reducing our expenditures. Rosalee sold the remaining September Round Up regalia, along with receiving a donation, which increased SRUP net income by \$45.00 for an exceptional total net income of \$2,015.42. Rosalee and her Co-Chairs had projected a profit of at least \$2,000 based on their budgetary guidelines and resourceful planning and purchase decisions. They are pleased to now have achieved and exceeded their goal for our OVAHC. Rosalee thanked everyone for their help and said she really appreciated it. A robust applause erupted from the appreciative members to our Co-Chairs!

Old Business: The Christmas luncheon will be Thursday, December 8 at The Pub in Rookwood Mews from 3 to 5 PM. We have our own room and please R.S.V.P. to Secretary Dale so we can get the seating coordinated. No meeting, no gifts. Members and guests are welcome. DLB55AH@CS.COM or 859-384-1345.

New business: President John sent out a survey to try to one help out with discussions at the delegates meeting so that we can say what our club wants. He did get 18 responses and then the last two questions were about what our club does: What we're doing well and what needs improved. Since he received no comments for improvements, he considers that a positive response for our current Club activities. The biggest thing he noticed was that everybody said they liked our drives, and we had a couple people saying we should incorporate drives either before or after meetings or before or after the R&J lunches. There were also a lot of people who liked the overnight trips. So if somebody wants to take up and say "hey I wanna go on a drive", you will have people that will line up to drive and ride with you.

Old & New business: If you are new or your old badge is busted, we will ask members who need a free name badge to inform Ken Kreuter so he can place an order for another batch. kkreuter@fuse.net or call 513-941-3646.

November meeting continued

New business: The guy's ROMEO lunch is Wednesday, 11/16 and the ladies Juliettes lunch is also 11/16. This is because of Thanksgiving. In case you are not aware, these are casual OVAHC lunches (guests welcome) one for his and a different one for hers where cars are not the main topic. No business, just food, drink, and conversations. Both at 12:45 PM across the street from each other. ROMEO at Longnecks 1009 Town Dr, Wilder, KY 41076 Phone: (859) 291-5664. Juliettes at Mellow Mushroom 1014 Town Dr, Wilder, KY 41076 mellowmushroom.com Phone: (859) 441-6600. John Wallace picks for the guys and Lauren Wallace lines up a spot for the ladies. Contact Secretary Dale if you are not already on these lists, please.

Lauren Wallace sold the split-the-pot tickets. Joyce Jacobs won \$50, and the club kept the other \$50 for the treasury. The next OVAHC meeting is in February. President John thanked his parents, Joyce and Jake for hosting and then adjourned the meeting. The snacking, socializing, and liquid refreshment consumption followed.

Submitted by OVAHC Secretary, Dale Ballinger

Tech Session

members of the Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club Tech team assisted club member [Dennis Lindauer](#) solve a no start problem which stranded him in Rabbit Hash, Ky.A bad coil was determined to be the problem.



Caught in the act

Since Bernie is so good at taking apart cars and reassembling them I gave him another task—he has a new career—he fixed my sewing machine!

December Lunch 12/8

ANNOUNCING THE OVAHC CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR 2022

Please meet at The Pub Rookwood Mews at 3:00 PM on Thursday, December 8. No presents, no planned meeting. Think of it as the ROMEO and Juliettes combination luncheon all in one! We have the side room on the right until 5:00. Just order your choice of food off our menu. Please RSVP to me, Dale Ballinger at 859-384-1345 then 8 or by email to DLB55AH@cs.com so we can arrange for our seating requirements.



Happy Hour starts at 3!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas!

The Pub Rookwood Mews
2692 Edmondson Road
Cincinnati, OH 45208
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From downtown Cincy I-71 going northbound: Take exit # 6 for route 561 / Smith / Edwards Road and turn right at the end of the ramp onto Edmondson Road. Go to the first light and turn right into Rookwood and The Pub is just ahead on the left. Or use your phone, GPS etc.

From Montgomery/Kenwood I-71 heading southbound: Take exit # 6 for 561 / Smith / Edwards Road and turn left off the ramp onto Williams Avenue. Cross over I-71. Go to the next light and turn right onto Edwards Road. Go ¼ mile, passing one traffic light at Edmondson Road and turn right immediately into the lane between Fidelity and before Rusty Bucket. Drive straight to The Pub on your left. Or use your phone, GPS etc.

Delegate/Business Manger Report: 11/13/2022

Annual Delegates meeting Sat/Sun Nov 12/13, 2022

In person Indianapolis & Zoom meeting; 37(+/-) of 50+ clubs represented; 14(+/-) were on Zoom

Roger Hamel of Quebec was elected president and Gary Feldman successfully retired after 6 years; Jeff was re-elected as VP Safety.

Attached at the bottom of this report is OVAHC 2022 Activity Report and Flow of Funds I submitted. Please look at the activity report. It is quite impressive

Headline:

Printing and distribution cost of the Marque has necessitated a \$20 per year increase in dues for 2023 with a reduction of the number of issues (11 to 8). Along with the printed magazine, a digital/click version will be sent that is searchable.

The printed Membership Directory has been eliminating (\$15,000 savings) and replaced with a very easily accessible digital version (which I saw and will be sending out an instruction e-mail shortly).

We were able to reduce the cost of printing of the Marque by approximately 33% over the November rates due to a Request for Proposal that I initiated to printers of other car club magazines (6). Otherwise, the increase would have been another \$10. Working in partnership with Reid, we priced out and analyzed over 11 different scenarios. Gary and the officers presented 3 (all printing the Marque only, no digital only option or 2-tiered approach).

He felt a 2-tiered membership should not be considered at this time, even though it was the most financially and equitable solution. It never got the chance to be vetted. My hope is that Roger will be less authoritarian and open. Attached is a copy of my analysis that was sent to Gary and the officers a month prior and after never receiving a response, I sent to all the delegates.

Conclave:

2022 Enclave in Poconos PA. was a huge success, more than double their estimate.

2023 May 21-25, 2023 Crystal River FL. – at the Planation on the canal that joins Crystal River where the Manatees live. You can swim, snorkel, scuba dive, boat or take their tour boats to see the Manatees. Registration is open on the AHCA Club Express web site. This was originally scheduled for 2020 before COIV-19 changed things. The Jacobs' helped vet the site in 2018 for national. Everything is close and oozes with Southern charm. No long walks to the room. We have been ask to run the Gymkhana.

2024 Worst case would be a joint effort in Branson MO. There is a club elsewhere that is close to committing. Jeff and I are on the Conclave committee. After Thanksgiving We are planning a trip with Conclave VP Neil Anderson to a club that is on the fence. If successful, Branson would move to 2025 and we will announce a location that is more

car oriented and roughly the same distance from here. The Delegates gave the board the authority to make a decision in order to save time and get thing moving.

We are going to focus on a model of collaboration vs. single club effort.

AHCA – ClubExpress – Club Management system and Web Site Host

There will be a few zoom training sessions (which will be recorded) in November for club Treasurers and Secretaries to address issues and learning curves. Bill Walton the delegate from the Carolinas will be conducting these and will be a great resource going forward for our interaction with Club Express.

Insurance:

Gymkhana and Funkhana will cost \$250 per event (vs. \$225) in 2023. Bill Borla and Gary (who Roger has asked to help Bill with insurance going forward) are getting a quote from the Sports and Touring Club's provider that looks promising.

AHCA Budget: Future cost containment....

The majority of the AHCA budget is very static and relatively small, including the development of the Marque and the calendar. The largest and most volatile cost is the printing and distribution on the paper Marque. Due to the digital dominance in today world, paper printing is shrinking and driving up cost. This coupled with the COIV-19 supply chain issues has drastically increased cost during 2022, along with USPO increases. These dynamics coupled with the AHCA running their budget the last few years in a deficit too burn off a large cash reserve.

In the past, the pricing strategy was to have a large dues increase (more than what was needed), build a reserve and as inflation catches up, let it bleed it off in a 5-year period.

This worked when paper was the primary delivery medium for content. The paradigm has shifted to digital and this old strategy has now caught our older demographic with its financial pants down.

The love for paper has necessitated the above changes and unfortunately will continue. The increase is budgeted to build a small reserve of about 1 to 2 months operating reserve. Meaning this is a short-term solution.

If we do not shift to digital as standard in the next year or two, be prepared for additional significant dues increases.

So, please explore the digital Marque when you get it, it will soon be a requirement just like our digital Newsleak. Paper magazines are following the same path as our paper newspapers.

Jake Jacobs

OVAHC – Delegate – Biz Manager



The dues for 2023 for regular OVAHC / AHCA membership is \$85. It has been 12 years since any dues increase. Eight *Healey Marque* issues will be published this year, but no printed membership directory for 2023. AHCA will email you a renewal notice on or before Dec 1 with a link to renew on the website. You can login and complete the process easily. All your information will be preloaded, including your membership in OVAHC. The \$85 membership can be completed with a credit card (preferred method) or check on the Austin-Healey Club of America website www.healeyclub.org and choose our club OVAHC. (If you are a AHCA member of another area club and want to join us as a multi-member, the fee is only \$15 and can be finished online with a credit card, or by mail.)

NEW FOR 2023: We are accepting "local only" dues of \$25 per year. You will not be in AHCA nor receive the Healey Marque nor have access to the AHCA members only section. NOTE: According to our bylaws, all OVAHC officers must also be in AHCA. If you sign up to be a Local Only member, you should use the form below. If there are no changes, you may simply send a \$25 check payable to OVAHC to the membership officer at the address listed below.

NAME _____
Last First Spouse

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ + _____

PHONE _____ CELL (S) _____

E-MAIL (S) _____

CAR INFO _____
(New member or any changes) Year Type Serial #

The Ohio Valley Austin-Healey Club chapter of the Austin-Healey Club of America dues are \$85 per calendar year. Reduced to \$65 if joining between July 1 and September 30. Dues after that are \$85 to include the next year. Members receive via mail the printed *Healey Marque* award-winning AHCA magazine. In addition, all members will receive via e-mail *The OVAHC Newsleak* with local information about the Ohio Valley Austin-Healey Club activities.

Everyone is encouraged to attend our Greater Cincinnati area meetings and join us for other activities. These include drives, tech sessions, a picnic, the Christmas lunch, and more. Our goals are to promote friendship and to preserve and enjoy the Healey cars. Ownership is not required. AHCA standard deadline for annual renewal is by January 15 of each year. Please renew online or mail a completed application with current info, make your check payable to OVAHC, and mail to the membership officer. Any comments or questions, just ask. Thank you.

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Chatfield College car, #quilt and crafts show



Chatfield College & Covered Bridges Caravan

We started at Frisch's near the Hilton Garden Inn outside Loveland, OH on Saturday, October 22 with 4 Healeys. Scott Brown, Gayle & Cindy Loos, Bernie & Mary Ann Grabow followed Dale & Sandy Ballinger on the September Roundup fun rallye route on a sunny and warm fall day. The trees cooperated and the fall foliage was beautiful. We went around the curvy roads carefully and meandered down the hills to cross the Stonelick Williams Corner covered bridge. Then a long run out US 50 and one half mile after the town of Marathon, OH we turned and crossed the McCafferty Road covered bridge. Scott Brown took photos of each car as it left the far end of the covered bridge since most of us did not get one at September Roundup because we were working it.



Calendar

December 8—Christmas party at Rookwood Pub—3-5pm

Meetings 2023

January—No meeting
February—Jacksons
March—Wallace
April—Ballinger
May—Grabow (Ben?)
June—John and Ashley Jacobs

July—Cox
August—Wolfer (picnic)
September—Campbell
October - Lindauer—
Bonfire
November—Duffey
December Restaurant
for Christmas

Romeo
luncheon at
Longnecks



Juliette
luncheon
at Mellow
Mushroom