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# NEWSLEAK



## March meeting

April 2022

Meeting called to order by Jeff Proada. 23 members present. Thank you to the Wallace's for hosting the meeting.

September Roundup is not on the National calendar website. Jeff said he would check to see that it is added.



Scott Brown reported the bylaws committee has met and their document is in this Newsleak. Please read it over and be ready to make any revisions you feel are necessary at the April meeting at Ballinger's.

Cindy reported the finances—Tech team has \$1,967.97 and the club has \$4,037.34. There was some discussion on fund raising and possibly raising membership fees if need be in the future as they have been the same (\$15) for a long time. No changes suggested today.

Tech team—Clutch bleed kits were for sale at the meeting for \$40/each. Purchase was made through the tech team finances and sales will return to their funds. Tech team reports are in this newsletter. Although tech sessions have been requested, none are planned at this time.

Membership—no report

Secretary—no report—Mary Ann Grabow substituting as secretary in Dale's absence.

Activities—Skip brought up the April 23 spring drive hosted by Kurt Niemeyer but there was no information posted on their site about the drive. Last year the drive was \$30, but we do not know if this will be the case for 2022.

Lauren Wallace brought up a drive this coming Saturday with the Mercedes club...sorry you missed it. She also brought up a nice well planned drive with the

# MARCH MINUTES CONT.

Mercedes club in May 13-15 with lots of activities and stops. If you are interested contact Lauren for more information. Sounds like a good trip down through KY.  
Bobbie Ross also brought up a trip with the Miata club on May 27 weekend with a lot of stops. If you are interested contact Bobbie for more information. The OVAHC club has been invited to participate in both activities. There are some reservations required on both so don't wait until the last minute.

John Wallace is working on a late June trip (no dates yet). He is suggesting Holland Michigan or Stanton Virginia. With a show of hands Virginia was best choice, but most people said they would do either. John is putting a package together to show at a future meeting with plan suggestions for both locations.

Concourse d-Elegance this year will have no discount—price per person will be \$30 or \$25— no further details.

**September Roundup**—The price for Thursday night's dinner has been locked in price. This is a buffet and a cash only bar with included coffee water and tea. Prices will be comparable to last year's event. Rosalie had an example of our logo by R P Diamond. She shared some pictures of T-shirts for the event and suggested perhaps the club only members could purchase hats with the logo so we stand out at the event as a contact for information. Hats would not be available to the general public until after the show, but the logo would still be available. Rosalie also had a few items that we can purchase from RPD with the OVAHC logo on them...key chain, mug, coasters, car coaster, wallet pocket for phone back. Etc.

Bobbie reported there is a 6 hour drive planned with periodic chances to opt out and return to the hotel (no competition just leisurely drive.) There is also a walking tour competition event planned.

**Old Business**—Tim did some research on badges for the club. 50 badges would cost \$1600—25 bar badges and 25 grill badges. This would make the badges \$35/each. After some discussion many people already have badges and 50 may be overkill so he is pricing maybe 10 or 20, instead of 50, which would be more expensive per badge, but only 4 or 5 members have requested them at this time.

Healey Hotties are meeting again at Maggianos Italian in Rookwood at 12:30 on Wednesday, March 23.

Split the pot was \$75 so winner Chris Wolfer got \$37.50.

## Meetings 2022

April—Ballinger  
May—Rettig  
June—Cox  
July—Grabow

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

# CALENDAR 2022

APRIL 23—Spring Classic Driving Tour (CMS)\*  
APRIL 24—OVAHC meeting at Dale and Sandy Ballingers  
MAY 13-15—Get away with Mercedes club  
MAY 19-22—Springthing (details to follow)  
MAY 19-20—Drive to Auburn museum (CMS)  
MAY 27-30—Overnight at General Butler State park (Miata Club) we are invited  
JUNE 12—Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance @ Ault Park  
JULY - Field trip to Antique Boat Show at Indian Lake (CMS)\*  
AUGUST—Bellefontaine Hill Climb revival\*  
SEPTEMBER 8-10 – September Roundup  
SEPTEMBER 18-22 - Conclave in Poconos  
OCTOBER 8—Autumn Classic Driving Tour (CMS)\*

\*These are events sponsored by Classic Motoring Society and if you are interested Kurt Niemeyer will have more information.



Healey Hotties out for lunch at Maggiano's Italian in Rookwood. This was a nice venue, all sat together to share news and the portions were extremely big. After eating we were able to purchase a meal to go for \$5 so since we were full we were able to take dinner home to the ROME-OS.

L-R Richard Pratt, Bernie Grabow, Bob Frey, John Wallace, Jerry Cox, Ken Campbell, Scott Brown continuing around the table end L-R Ken Kreuter, Paul Schondelmayer, Steve Broughton, Tim Ross, Gary Rettig, Ben Grabow. Photo by [Bernie Grabow](#)



# Tech Report

Both doors I had dropped off to Jeff Porada for lower door rust spots had come back looking great within 3 weeks and with Old English White painted covers that matched perfectly. Before I removed the doors, I got a great tech tip from Bob Thurman in TN who told me to drill two 1/8" holes through each hinge and

back plate to use as locating holes with 1/8" drill bits during assembly. That tip was invaluable - it was also used the same way before removing the hood and the locating holes provided perfect hood alignment. With the pre-work done and the doors back, I took a day and reassembled the door handles and interior panels before hanging the doors.



Tim Ross and Jerry Cox showed up at my garage on 2/10 to help hang the doors and further prep work was done by Tim and Jerry cleaning up the threads on the hinge backing blocks. I was tasked with taping the door edges with painters tape for protection during hanging and coating all the hinge screws with Never Seize. The second great tech tip was provided by Jake Jacobs who let me use (4) cup point 5/16"-24 x 1" set screws to use as studs for the door hinges to sit on while 4 of the 8 hinge screws were installed loosely. Then remove the set screws with an Allen head wrench and install the other four hinge screws loosely. Then came the door jiggling with Jerry and myself with Tim wiggling in the 1/8" drill bits. When the (4) drill bits were in, hinge screws were tightened and the drill bits pulled out. The resulting door alignment was exactly as it was prior to removing them.

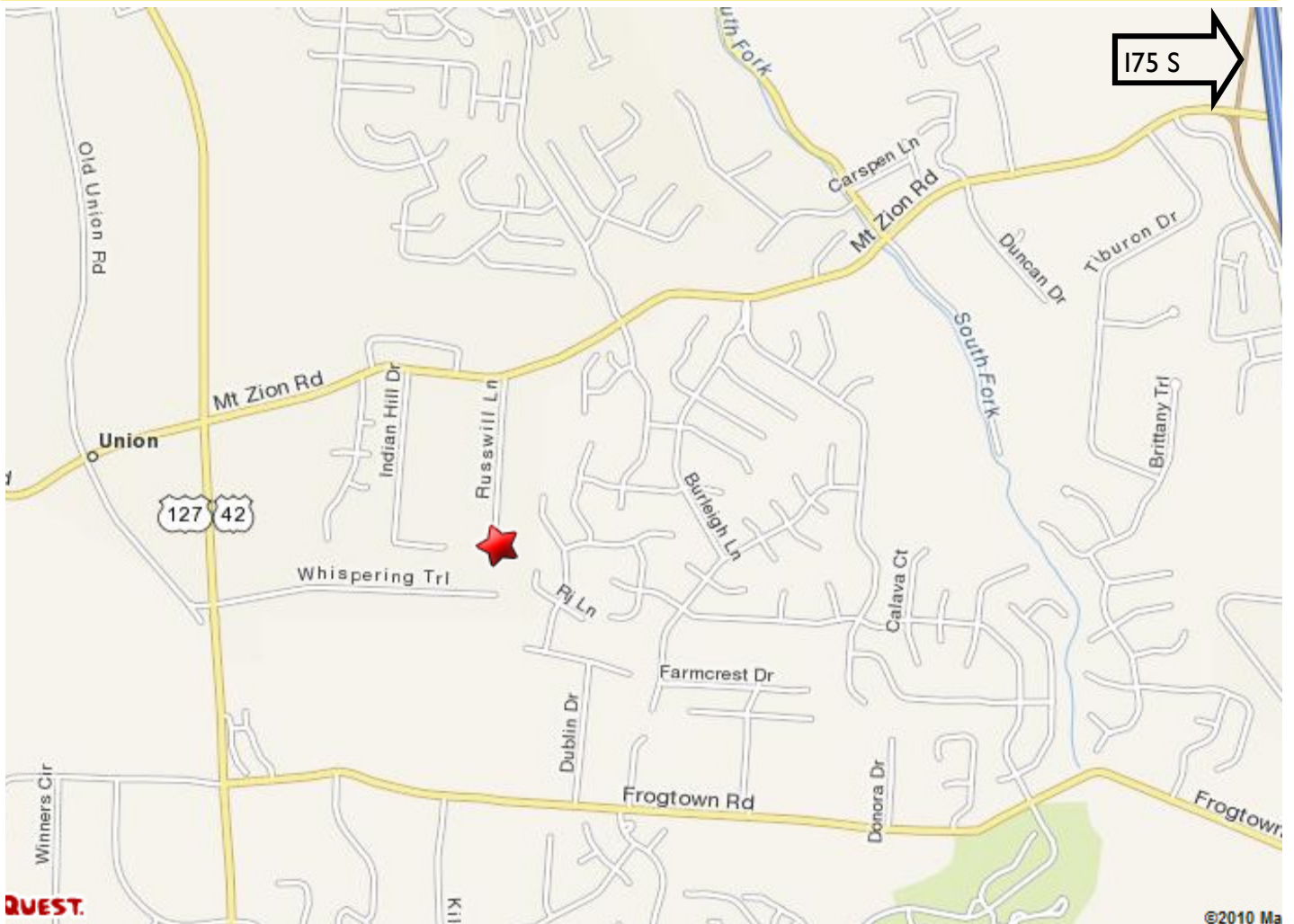
While this all sounds like it went smoothly, it did not! The first door took 1-1/2 hours with second door flying on in 20 minutes. We initially thought of putting the set screw studs in diagonally in both hinge back plates, but this proved to be very difficult in getting the hinges on the studs all the way. After untold frustration and really tired arms from juggling the door, the stud location was changed to top and bottom inboard locations and the door slipped right on with no interference! Another great tech tip from Jake Jacobs was him providing (16) new Allen head hinge screws that could be really tightened instead of being afraid of rounding out the original Phillips head screws (I also use those on the rear shock brackets). At the end of the tech session, no blood was spilled and no paint was chipped - doors look great! Thanks for help!

Scott

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On Friday, March 4, the tech team of Richard Pratt, John Parrott, Paul Schondelmayer, Tim Ross, met at the garage of John Wallace, helped by Jerry Cox and Skip Jackson. Our first task was to set the valves on John's BN4 - which we did to 0.014" cold, with Jerry turning the RR wheel to index the valves. Then we reinstalled the valve cover finger tight and after starting the smooth and quiet engine, the valve cover was gently tightened to stop all leaks. Of course, the carb settings were in question, especially as the engine backfired through the carbs when cold and was asked for some throttle. Richard applied his experience in carb adjusting to get things running smooth when warmed-up. John next had some questions on the state of the brakes, as his BN4 had drum brake fronts. So we jacked up the front and removed the RF wheel, checking for wheel bearing looseness or kingpin slop. To check the brake pad status, we fiddled with the stub axle nut and cotter pin and then found the brake parts in good condition. Then we regreased the bearings, and started to reassemble, but thought that there was an extra shim under the outer bearing. Finally, restacking without the one shim, tightening the axle nut and refitting the cotter pin, seemed to help reduce the bearing assembly looseness. Since the LF should have been in the same condition, we saved ourselves the disassembly/reassembly effort and declared the brakes "Okay". After a nice sandwich lunch, helpers departed and the next "to do" item (replace the headlights) will be for next time; after John discusses the better option of Halogen bulbs versus LED's.

# APRIL MEETING



April meeting at Dale and Sandy's place in Union, KY. Kick tires at 2:00 and meeting starts at 3:00. 859-384-1345, 10179 Russwill



I-75 South to Mt. Zion Road, right off the exit and left on Russwill. This landscape has changed a lot since the last meeting at Dale and Sandy's—road improvements



We need  
items for  
men and  
women for  
this event!



Put your thinking caps on and plan a gift basket for the September Roundup event. Mary Ann and Sandy can take your items any time you want to get them ready!

DOESN'T HAVE  
TO BE A PHYSICAL  
ITEM—CAN  
BE A LONG  
WEEKEND AT  
YOUR CONDO IN  
FLORIDA...OR A  
TRIP IN YOUR  
PRIVATE JET.



# Activities Report

February 26 winery drive with the Ohio Valley Austin-Healey Club, led by Dale Ballinger, with QCC members Jenn Siebel and Thad Hare, with Lauren and John Wallace from the OVAHC / Cincinnati Mercedes-Benz Club. Good drive, soup, pizza, and wines!



Historic Guilford Covered Bridge park with Jenn Siebel and Thad Hare in her 2017 Mini Cooper, John and Lauren Wallace in her 2014 Mercedes-Benz SLK Designo, and Me, Dale in my 2011 Mini Cooper, made in Abington England

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# By-Laws for OVAHC

(revised 3/1/2022 with changes (*in italics*) from previous meetings)

## ARTICLE I – NAME, LOCATION & AFFILIATION

Section 1 - The name of the Club: Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club (OVAHC)

Section 2- The principal location of OVAHC is Greater Cincinnati Ohio/KY/IN area.

Section 3- OVAHC was established July 27, 1975 by an enthusiastic group of friends sharing a common bond - love of the Austin - Healey marque. OVAHC has been affiliated with the Austin Healey Club of America (AHCA) since February 1, 1979.

## ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1 - The purpose of OVAHC is the preservation and promotion of the Austin Healey marque. To promote, fellowship and enjoyment of its members and the betterment of their community.

## ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1 - The only requirement for membership is to be interested in the cars of Donald Healey, ownership is not necessary. Membership in the AHCA is not required.

**Local membership is available starting in 2022 and does not include AHCA membership or the Marque magazine. Local members can not hold officer positions of President or Delegate and must pay an insurance fee to AHCA. (From Sept 2021 meeting)**

Section 2 - The termination of any club member must be made by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board of the Club (not including an offending person) for conduct unbecoming a member or any other cause, upon giving the member in question full opportunity to hear and reply to the charge(s) or reason(s) for such action.

Section 3 – The **AHCA and local** membership dues are paid each calendar year.

## ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 - The Executive Board shall consist of the current elected Officers of the Club.

Section 2 - The Executive Board shall have the power to proceed in any manner as may, in their judgment, to serve the interest of the Club.

Section 3 - The decision of a majority of the Executive Board on any issue shall be binding until the next regular or special meeting of the Club, when such decision may be approved or disapproved.



## ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 1 - The Officers of this Club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Activities Activator, Editor, Delegate, Technical Director, Club Historian, **Website/System Administrator**, and Business Manager. **(From the August 2014 meeting)**

Section 2 - Said Officers shall hold office for one year terms except for the **President**

**and the Vice President who serve two year terms** and the Vice President who becomes President in the following term. **(From the August 2017 meeting)**

Section 3 - Nominations for Officers to be are at the August meeting. Elections are to be finalized at the September meeting.

## ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 - The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club.

Section 2 - The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, preside over the

Club meeting. He/she becomes the president in the following year.

Section 3 - The Secretary shall handle official correspondence of the OVAHC and keep accurate records of the Club meetings.

Section 4 - The Treasurer shall manage the financial affairs of the Club, keep accurate records of transactions, and be custodian of the Club's money. He/she shall render a financial report of the sources and uses of club funds for the annual delegates meeting and the report shall be published in the OVAHC newsletter.

Section 5 – The Membership officer shall assist in the collection of dues, maintain the membership roster, keep a current list of paid members, and coordinate with the AHCA.

Section 6 - The Activities Activator shall plan car drives and other activities.

Section 7 – The Editor shall compile the newsletters (Newsleak) and facilitate the delivery of electronic and / or printed versions for the membership.

Section 8 – The Delegate shall attend the AHCA delegates' meeting and represent the OVAHC. He / she shall provide a report to the OVAHC membership.

Section 9 – The Technical Director shall solicit projects and assist members in repairing and maintaining their vehicles.

Section 10 – The Club Historian shall maintain a running history of the OVAHC.

**Section 11 - The Website/System Administrator shall manage the Club's website and be the Club's technical Administrator of the AHCA's internet management system.**

**(From the August 2014 meeting)**

Section 12 - The Business Manager shall manage the business affairs of the Club by acting on

behalf of the club for business and administrative items relating to the operations, events and projects of the club.

#### ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1 - Club members shall hold regular meetings, usually on the second Monday of each month. All meetings shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order.

#### ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1 - The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any meeting.

#### ARTICLE IX - CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

Section 1 - Due to the fact that this Club is formed for the enjoyment of our automobiles and is solely a family affair, the following Code of Ethics shall be adopted. Any abusive language or conduct at any meeting or Club function shall not be tolerated.

### **OVAHC By-Laws Committee Recommendations**

After several meetings, the committee comprised of Lauren Wallace, Jake Jacobs, and Scott Brown propose the following recommendations to the OVAHC By-Laws originally published in the January/February 2015 issue of the Newsleak.

Since several changes to the By-Laws have been proposed and passed at previous meetings, the first task was to update the By-Laws to reflect those changes and use that as the starting point for recommendations. (Revised Bylaws dated 3/1/2022 attached)

The following are recommendations for club discussion and approval:

#### **Article III - Membership and Dues, Sections 1 and 3:**

Since AHCA delegates are already discussing classes of membership and dues structures, we are suggesting deferring changes in this area until AHCA direction is made clear after the fall 2022 delegates meeting.

#### **Article VI - Duties of Officers, Section 3:**

Presently reads: The Secretary shall handle official correspondence of the OVAHC and keep accurate records of the Club meetings.

Proposed change for discussion: The Secretary shall handle official correspondence of the OVAHC and keep accurate records of the Club meetings. The Secretary shall also keep the Club By-Laws updated and forward updated copies to the Website/System Administrator for inclusion in the Club website.

#### **Article VIII - Amendments, Section 1:**

Presently reads: The By-Laws may be amended by a (2/3) vote of the members present at any meeting.

Since we have many active members who are in Florida for several months of the year or are attending other Healey events conflicting with meeting dates, we are suggesting that there should be a method to make all OVAHC members aware of a proposed By-Laws change and be able to vote on the change.

Proposed change for discussion:

Proposed changes to By-Laws must be included in the newsletter for discussion and voting at the next scheduled meeting. By-Laws may then be amended by a (2/3) vote of the members present including proxy votes from absent members that have been received by the President or Vice President.