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# Newsbreak

## JULY MINUTES

August 2023



Girls upstairs

### July\_OVAHC Meeting Minutes

Twenty-nine members attended the 30 minute meeting at the Campbell home in Loveland, OH on Saturday, July 8. Vice-President Scott Brown called the meeting to order and thanked Rosalee and Ken for hosting. (applause) Next the June secretarial

OVAHC meeting minutes were approved. Vice-President Scott got a call from former member, Steve Hagen from Hamilton, OH. He still has a 3000 and may see us soon. Steve has 3 big Healey doors, free for the taking. Call Scott for more info. Editor Mary Ann, Business Manager / Delegate Jake, and Historian John Parrott had no report. President Jeff Porada was away.

Secretary/Membership Dale thanked Scott for performing the secretarial duties for the June meeting. He also mentioned that he had purchased a new mic cord for his mini PA. The original lasted about 6 years, 2 soldering repairs, many meetings, and two September Roundups.

Treasurer Cindy's report: Since the 6-10 Jacobs meeting a credit of \$37.50 for split the pot, with no debits, and our current balance is good. Tech Team Balance: \$2,167.97. She made a motion to reimburse Dale for \$18.01 for the new mic cord, Bernie seconded, Vice-President Scott asked for a vote, and it passed.

Activity Activator Skip reported the polo match was officially rained out for today. He then read a flyer which Dale handed him, for a classic car show at the Heritage Hills Campground in Liberty, IN on 7/29. Dayton British Car Day is August 5. We will caravan from the Home Depot by the Tylersville Bob Evans.

The last weekend in August is Kurt's *Bellefontaine, OH Hill Climb* event. An alternate event the same day, Saturday 8/26 is *Warbirds and Wheels* at the Clermont County Airport. *September Roundup* hosted by Central Indiana AHC is September 7-10 in Franklin, IN. September 21 is the start of Southeast Classic near Asheville, NC. Keep and eye on the



Guys downstairs

# JULY MINUTES CONTINUED

Newsleak for more details. For all other activity questions, and to join a caravan, contact Skip. Dale mentioned that the Cincinnati Polo Club has offered September 23 as a rain make-up date for us to retry to host for the David Kreuter Memorial Scholarship Fund. He asked if the club was interested and there was none expressed. It conflicts with the Asheville, NC show. Dale will present the offer directly to the Kreuters.

Skip discussed a request from John Wallace for a July 20-22th or so trip to "HEAVEN" to counteract the recent "To Hell and Back" Michigan tour. John commended Skip for his nice write-up for the Michigan trip!

Tech Director Tim listed 3 upcoming sessions. One for the engine rebuild for Skip's MGA this summer, one for Dick Sipple's Sprite rear axles next week, and Stephen Street wants an adjustment / tune-up for his Sprite carbs. Tim gave Bob Duffey and Bernie Grabow each a set of Allen socket door bolts. The tech team will obtain more for other members with the Tech Team funds. Tim is also ready to purchase, sell, and install more of the clutch slave-cylinder bleeders. If you want to sign up for one, they will be about \$50 and we will install them for you in the future. For tech team projects call or email Tim. If you have questions, want to join in the fun, or need to schedule a session, just let him know.

Web site manager Don Klein said we are still online and getting hits almost every day. Old business: none. New business: Juliettes at Strong's Pizza in Hebron, KY at NOON on 7/26. ROMEOs at Buckhead Mountain Grill in Bellevue, KY at 1 PM on 7/19. Split-the-pot was won by Deborah Slater for \$53 and the club kept \$52.

The next meeting is at the picnic at the home of Donna and Chris Wolfer in Alexandria, KY on Saturday, 8/19. Times are 12:30 PM to greet and 1:30 PM for the meeting. Cindy passed around a sign-up sheet to say what you are bringing. The picnic is when we nominate our officers and make the 2024 meeting dates available for hosting. Details will be published in the Newsleak. Vice-President Scott thanked our hosts, the Campbells (applause) and then adjourned the meeting. The grill out with delicious food followed.

Submitted by [Secretary Dale](#)

Not for sale. I'm gonna fix it up one day.



# CALENDAR 2023

August 5—British Car Day in Dayton, Ohio (see below)

August 26—Kurt Neimeyer's Hill Climb in Bellefontaine, OH

August 26—Wings & Wheels

September 7-10—CIAHC September Roundup—Franklin, IN registration in this month's Newsleak

September 10 – British Car Day

September 21-24—Southeast Classic, Ashville, NC<https://carolinasahc.com/sec-learn-more/>

## Dayton British Car Day

Saturday, August 5 Dayton British Car Day is a popular car show for us. Near enough to attend, and far enough to see MANY nice cars that you won't see around Cincy. We caravan together starting at the Home Depot off I-75 at the Tylersville Road exit # 22.

7749 Dudley Drive, West Chester Township, OH 45069

Bob Evans shares the parking lot, too if you want breakfast before leaving together, be there about 8:30 AM to eat, or 9:15 to leave and go up Route 42 and then back roads.

Questions, ask Skip. Email [jackson.skip@yahoo.com](mailto:jackson.skip@yahoo.com), or call 513-720-7547

## MEETINGS 2023

August 19—Wolfer (picnic)

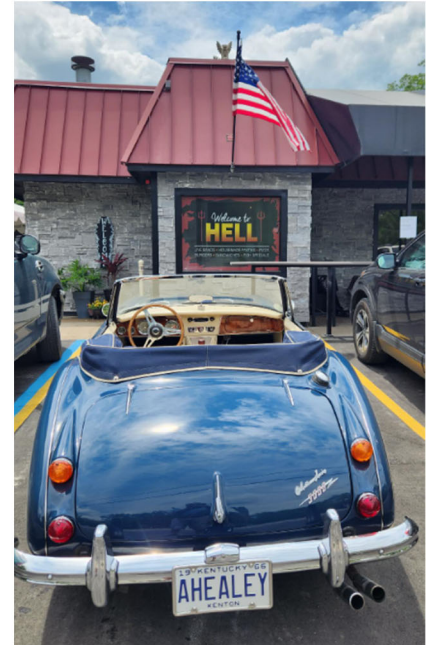
September—Cox

October—Lindauer for Bonfire

November—Duffey

December—Restaurant for Christmas





Although Bob and Pat were going their own personal “Hell” with their car and missed going to Hell, Michigan...I thought they should join us in Hell if only virtually





After 48 years of memorable activities and numerous awards the Ohio Valley AHC has gone to Hell. With the meticulous planning and almost flawless execution by John (the Devil) and Lauren (the Shiva) Wallace, the OVAHC left northern Cincinnati on the eve of the summer solstice. A 258-mile drive took four 'big' Healeys, two Bugeyes, two BJ13's and a cool Lexus convertible to Chelsea MI.

After a restful night at the Comfort Inn, with very reasonable room rates arranged by John, we were Hell bent for the road. We were joined by Kevin and Cynthia Livingston and Tom Mitchell of the SE Michigan AHC.

Bob Duffey BJ8 had a battery snafu so a crew of six graduate engineers that were present put their minds to a fix. The fix did not materialize so Tom took Bob and Pat to his house in Ann Arbor for further consultation. A real Healey guy.

For the 17 remaining the first stop was in Dexter that boasts the oldest continually operating A & W Root beer stand in the USA. John led us on great 'Healey' roads but missed a turn in the route which was fortuitous because the stand did not open until 10:00 and the extra drive was good. The stand is still curbside service only but they do take credit cards. We learned that the A & W was to have a classic car show that evening.

After the root beer floats, we were anxious as HELL to get moving. We proceeded through the Pinckney St. Rec. Area, past Portage Lake and found that the road to HELL is paved with asphalt and lined with nice shady trees. Hell Michigan is not much to brag about: three weathered buildings, a miniature golf course and a saloon. Of course, there are plenty of capitalists in HELL. One of the old buildings has a gift shop and the famous Crematorium ice cream parlor. Partially burnt postcards were bought and postmarked from HELL.

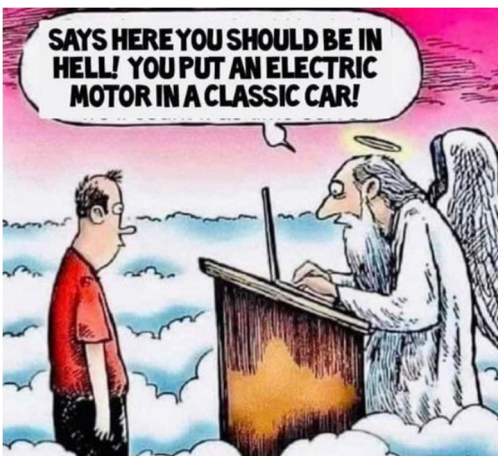
After a good lunch at the Hell Saloon and a group picture at the Gates of Hell, we proceeded to Sand Crane Winery. John led us past Winnewana Lake and along the Portage River. Surrounded by vineyards and shady trees, we relaxed and enjoyed lively conversation and good wines.

Another drive back to Dexter to attend the A&W car show, and then we enjoyed a nice dinner at the outdoor Dexter Pub nearby offering delicious food and more gourmet ice cream with a multitude of toppings for dessert.

Assembly is the reverse of disassembly so we took the same route home the next morning. We drove through heavy rain for the first hour which would have been fine except that Michigan allows tractor-trailer trucks with 40 wheels on the road. It is easy to spot these trucks as they approach on a two-lane road at 50 MPH. They create a cloud of water for a few hundred feet behind them so a firm grip on the steering wheel and steady nerves are necessary to get through the two or three seconds of blind driving.

The rain stopped at about the Ohio state line, Duffey's problem followed them from HELL but Bob and Jake conquered it and all arrived safe at home in the early evening.

Now these grizzled veterans of many miles can take pride for taking their Healeys to Hell and Back.



# TECH TEAM SESSION

In what was intended to be a short and easy OVAHC Tech session, 5 members of the tech team met on Tuesday 7/11 at the Milford garage of Dick Sippel: Dennis Lindauer, Tim Ross, Jerry Cox, Ken Campbell, and Skip Jackson. The job was to replace the rear stock wheel studs on the Bugeye with longer ones to allow for a ¼" wheel spacer. This would hopefully stop the inside of the tire from rubbing on the spring and wheel well. To pull the hubs off the car, we required a large socket to unscrew the bearing-retaining nut. Prework among the team got us to the 1-7/8" socket consensus, and we had three sets of sockets from Dennis, Jeff Porada (thru Tim Ross), and Jerry Cox. Tim brought a long breaker bar and torque wrench. We first removed the brake drums and axle shafts. Then chisels and hammers were applied to the locking washer behind the axle nut and we then unscrewed the large nut (CCW on the right side, CW on the left side), and pulled off the hubs, with the stock studs. This part was relatively quick and straightforward. Then Tim and Jerry left in the Miata for the Ross garage where the hydraulic press awaited, we also had the 8 new longer studs and new oil seals, the wheel bearings were to be reused. At the 12 ton press, Tim & Jerry had a long series of difficulties getting the press adjusted to apply straight downward force on the studs for removal since the hub was of a small, irregular shape. Finally we got all the studs out. At one time when the press was at the max force and the stud released, the bang sent the support blocks to the floor (missing our feet) and the hub off into the recesses of the cluttered shop – it took us 5 minutes to find the hub. We then had to press out the large wheel bearings and to our surprise, they nearly dropped out with only finger pushing. Next was the oil seals, which took an inordinate amount of time; involving sharpened screwdriver tips, hammers, vice-grips, the vise, etc. It didn't help that one hub had the oil seal in backwards. At the parts cleaner tank, everything was cleaned, the bearings spun to check that they felt okay, and then back to the press with the new studs. This part was also not straight forward, because after the first stud, the support blocks needed a new arrangement to allow for a straight downward press, and we forgot from one hub to the next how we had done it. Lesson #1 – put one stud in each hub before moving to the next stud, that way the press setup is the same and we are not stressing our memories. We pressed in the new oil seals thanks to Jerry spotting an old Spitfire piston that was the exact 2.5" diameter we needed to press them in. We headed back to the Sippel garage and arrived two hours after leaving and time for lunch.

Dick ordered very nice sandwiches for us and we enjoyed a back shaded patio with fan and "waterfall". Then at the Sprite, Ken applied a new pack of grease to the wheel bearings and tapped them into the hubs using one of Jerrys large sockets and we then tried to insert the two new "O" ring seals in the groove of the hubs to keep the differential oil inside the axle housing. But the new "O"-rings were too large in diameter and even if we cut them down and super-glued them together the cross-section diameter was not large enough to protrude slightly from the housing. So we reused the old rings with a little silicone sealant from Skip, and added the new paper gaskets. Lesson #2 – Be sure the new parts ("O"-rings) are the right size (Jeff has them in stock). Tim placed the hubs on the axle housing and inserted/seated the axles. So far so good, on the right side the reused locking washer looked to be acceptable, and we then applied 120 ft-lbs of torque and bent two edges of the washer over to lock the axle nut. With a brake drum installed, the right side was done, so we moved to the left side where it would be an easy repeat. The locking washer on this side was much worse for wear and the small, worn, inside tab of the washer would not engage with the hole in the axle housing to keep it from turning, therefore no locking action of the nut was available. So we had to proceed without this important locking step. Lesson #3 – Always buy a set of new locking tabs.

Torquing the left side, with left-hand thread nut, to the same 120 ft-lbs, and securing the axle shaft and



brake drum, we encountered a counter sunk screw with damaged threads. Lesson # 4 – Buy new screws. Then we placed the brake drum and new spacer and wheel on each side and tightened the wheel nuts. So close to the end of the session, and the right side wheel turned straight and easy, but the left side had maybe a ½” of runout. After numerous attempts at wheel removal, etc. the problem was that the axle and/or brake drum was not seated fully. Then we used some duct tape (along with the silicone, the handyman’s secret weapons) to hold the spacer centered on the brake drum while the wheel was tightened. All okay at last – the session lasted from 9:30 to 5:00 – and Dick had a good test drive. Dick or the Tech Team will still need to replace the left side axle nut lock washer and possibly the O-rings if the old ones leak. Jerry Cox then donated his MAC tools SC12 socket (short, 1-7/8”, 6 point, ¾” drive) to the Tech Team for future use – Tim will be the keeper for the time being. Sprite owners remember that Jeff Porada and Dennis Lindauer also have this size socket.



Romeos and Juliettes—lunch at the same time this month due to trip to Hell. Guys to Longnecks and girls to Mellow Mushroom.





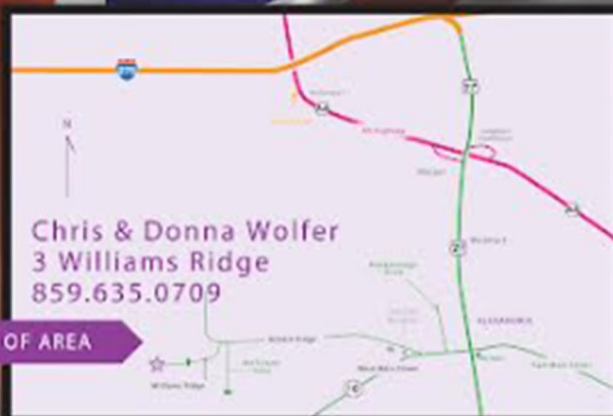
# *August Picnic @ The Wolfer's*



**Saturday  
August 19th**

**Tire kick'n  
starts at noon  
Meeting starts around 1:30**

## **Directions to the Wolfer's**



**NOTE: At this meeting we will pick OVAHC meeting locations for 2024. If you want to host and can't make the meeting, please let someone know before the picnic what date you want.**

**We will also be nominating new officers for 2024.**





The marquee says it all. September Round Up in Franklin, Indiana. The Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club is hosting and we welcome one and all. We will have the classic activities you have come to expect at this annual fall gathering and some new twists on old standards.

**RALLYE** – Fork in the road? Take it. Grave in the middle of the road? Follow the rallye instructions whether to go left or right.

**CAR SHOW** – Saturday morning in historic downtown Franklin. The Farmer's Market is a short walk away.

**CAR WEIGH-IN** - Yes, we're going to weigh your car, test your vitals and give you a certificate of health.

**AWARDS DINNER** – Saturday evening awards dinner on campus. Cash bar, no need to sneak the alcohol like you did in your freshman/sophomore year.

## SEPTEMBER ROUNDUP REGISTRATION



It's that time again to have some fun. The 2023 version of September Roundup is September 7 – 10<sup>th</sup> in Franklin, Indiana. Located 25 miles south of Indianapolis, it is the home of Franklin College. Our "Back To School" theme will have you remembering the good old days of campus frolic. Our host hotel is the Hampton Inn & Suites (317-668-5080). The room rate is \$129 per night plus taxes.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest/Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Car Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Car Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee (for 2 people) Before August 1<sup>st</sup> (circle one) \$80

After August 1<sup>st</sup> \$90

Awards Banquet \$40 per person Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Regalia (Embroidered with 2023 September Round Up logo)

Note: Must be ordered by August 1<sup>st</sup> to be available when you check in on Thursday.



Spectator Scarf 100% Acrylic 8 X 61 inches Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Black/Iron Grey



Knit Cap 100% Acrylic 3 inch Folding Cuff Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Oxford

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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