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NEWSLEAK



NOVEMBER MINUTES

December 2025

November 2025 OVAHC Meeting Minutes

Thirty members attended the monthly meeting on Saturday, November 15 at the Jon and Deborah Slater home in Waynesville, OH on an unusually warm, windy, and cloudy afternoon. President Scott called the meeting to order about 2:15 PM. Scott thanked Jon and Deborah for hosting. (applause) He then thanked the four members who drove their Healeys to the meeting. (applause) He recognized a member making his first meeting, sixteen-year-old Max Hanger from Florence, KY. Max said he had inherited an original owner 1961 3000 from his grandparents and was happy the tech team was able to get it running and back on the road. (applause) The October OVAHC meeting minutes were approved. Then President Scott thanked the club for letting him be President for the past two years. (applause)

Vice President John Wallace, Secretary Dale, and Historian John Parrott had no report. Newsleak Editor Mary Ann was absent.

Membership Rosalee gave the status of the club. We have 48 OVAHC/AHCA members, and 4 multi clubs which total 52 National members. Ten locals only OVAHC members for 2025. We have 2 honorary members. She also said the 2026 membership dues renewal process will start around December 1 when AHCA Membership Chairman, Mike Schneider sends out the first of his 3 renewal notices. There are three Membership options with different dues payment amounts: LOCAL ONLY, National (AHCA) STANDARD, with mailed hard copy Healey Marque, and National (AHCA) DIGITAL with electronic Healey Marque. The AHCA web site healeyclub.org has instructions for renewing on-line. Log in and click on **FAQ for site users**, then click on **How to Renew Your Membership** and follow it.

Dues are to be paid by January 30. She cautioned everyone who wishes to pay AHCA online with a credit card to pay careful attention to make sure you sign up for the type of membership you desire. She will send Don the membership form and online sign-up information and post it on the OVAHC web site.

Business Manager/Delegate Jake mentioned that if you want to make an additional choice to be on "auto-renewal" for AHCA dues going forward, inform Mike Schneider by email and they will charge your credit card on file each year to renew. You must notify him this fall with an email, tell him your choice for level of membership (standard or digital only), update your credit card info, and check to see that your Healey(s) has the correct listing on the web site under your membership. The AHCA is creating a vinyl information packet for us to leave in the glove box to make sure future owners of any Healey you may sell are aware of the AHCA and tell them how to join.

Treasurer Cindy said since the Lindauer 10/25 meeting we had credit of \$60 for October split the pot, one \$85 membership renewal credit. Debit of \$70 to AHCA for that renewal. Current balance is good. Tech team balance is \$1219. Cindy has OVAHC business cards for the taking.



<http://OhioValleyAHC.com>

Activity reports: President Scott said BOTH the ROMEO and Juliettes lunch will be at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, November 19 in Wilder, KY. Ladies at Mellow Mushroom and men at Longnecks Grill across the street. This is due to Thanksgiving.

Christmas dinner is Wednesday, December 10 at Grove Park Grille. Arrive at 4:30 PM for drinks and appetizers with the meal to follow at 5:30. Rosalee Campbell will send an email with the complete information, meal options, and an RSVP request so she can properly notify the restaurant.

Dale stepped to the mike and informed us the Queen City Coopers had invited us and the Cincy Miata Club to visit the Cincinnati Night of Lights at the Clermont County Fairgrounds on Thursday, December 11. Arrive at 6:30 PM and the fee is \$30 per car or \$25 if we manage to get 25 cars. Cincinnati's Nights of Lights is a dazzling drive thru holiday light show illuminated by more than 2 million lights! It is located at the Clermont County Fairgrounds in Owensville, Ohio about 20 minutes east of I-275 off Route 50. Let Dale know if you want to go.

There is also an invite to attend the 24-hour Daytona Rolex racing watch party at Zakira's Garage in Blue Ash, OH. The date is Saturday; January 24 and they host a chili cook-off contest with soft drinks and dessert. Times are 1 PM – 3:30 and see Dale if you want to get an invitation.

Tech Director Tim reported on the last two sessions this month. The first was completing the work on the Dan Durbin 61 BT7 in Lebanon, OH. Then they went to Jerry Cox's garage to put the head on his MGB, but it still needs work on Thursday, 11/20 next week.

Tim suggested that Max borrow the new powered grease gun for a session next Tuesday afternoon 11/18. Secretary Dale reported that 16-year-old OVAHC member Max Hanger had some of the TT over to get his 1961 Healey running. Future work involves putting the wire wheels with the new tires back on and fixing some wiring problems.

Scott Brown has a drive-over front-end alignment gauge to help set the steering correctly. Contact him if you wish to borrow it or to find out how it works. Bernie Grabow has a leak-down test kit for the cylinders. Tim wants TT to buy it and loan it out to OVAHC members in need.

Tim is asking the club to email him suggestions for a sheet or list of procedures that members can follow to prepare our Healeys for winter storage. Contact him if you can give any good advice. To join in or to schedule a tech session, please contact Tim.

Web Site Don reported that the web site is up and has the location and menus for the next luncheon. He has posted some businesses for fixing up our Healeys. There is a link to our OVAHC Club Store for gear from RP Diamond with our logo.

Business Manager/Delegate Jake and AHCA Safety VP Jeff Porada just returned from the annual AHCA delegates meeting. Jake sent out a report via email. Ben Moore is now president. Jake said the AHCA will soon modernize under Ben's tutelage. Conclave 2026 in Galena, IL has registration open if you go to Conclave50.com and enter the site. The Conclave committee for 2027 in Lake Tahoe, CA has begun to accept \$100 deposits for future registrations. Go to Healey75.com for more info. Their 2027 plan is for an all-inclusive fee setup. For 2028 Jeff Porada and Nancy Bacon put in a bid to hold the Conclave at Hocking Hills, OH. It would not be an OVAHC event as much as a group of individuals from AHCA clubs to fill committees which will run aspects of the show. Their club would share any profits.

Jake is on the AHCA retention committee. Toward this pursuit, he hosted the first Zoom.com tech meeting for our Mid America region on Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 PM. Twenty-seven members logged in, and Jeff Porada contributed as an expert. Jake is promoting the plan of having one the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM. They are easy to join in, informative, casual, and fun if you like Healeys. Keep an eye on your emails and please participate.

Rosalee made an announcement concerning the Mid America Classic. After the holidays pass the co-chairs will hold meetings with the volunteers. They will keep the club informed and ramp up the planning and outline the details for individual assignments.

Old business: None. New business: Scott asked who had set up the OVAHC Facebook site years ago. Jake said it was John Jacobs when he was Chairman of the OVAHC Conclave in 2016. Scott needs access to remove various players which have taken it over. He wants to require registration to make it more secure in the future and limit posts by people not in our club. Jake and Scott will speak with John to set this up.

New business: Kevin Livingston from the SE Michigan AHC is starting to look into making an extended driving trip to Lake Tahoe before the 2027 Conclave. Scott was interested because the plans include stopping to stay overnight on a riverboat, a tree house, or other unusual venues. Stay tuned for more exciting information.

Scott thanked Jon and Deborah for graciously hosting. (applause) The winner of the Split-the-Pot drawing received \$60 and \$60 went to the Club. John Parrott was the lucky one, AGAIN! The OVAHC Christmas dinner is coming up on Wednesday, December 10. The next official OVAHC meeting is scheduled for February with new President, John Wallace. Scott adjourned the meeting. We continued to snack on the brisket, pulled pork, and all the delicious fixings.

Submitted by Secretary Dale

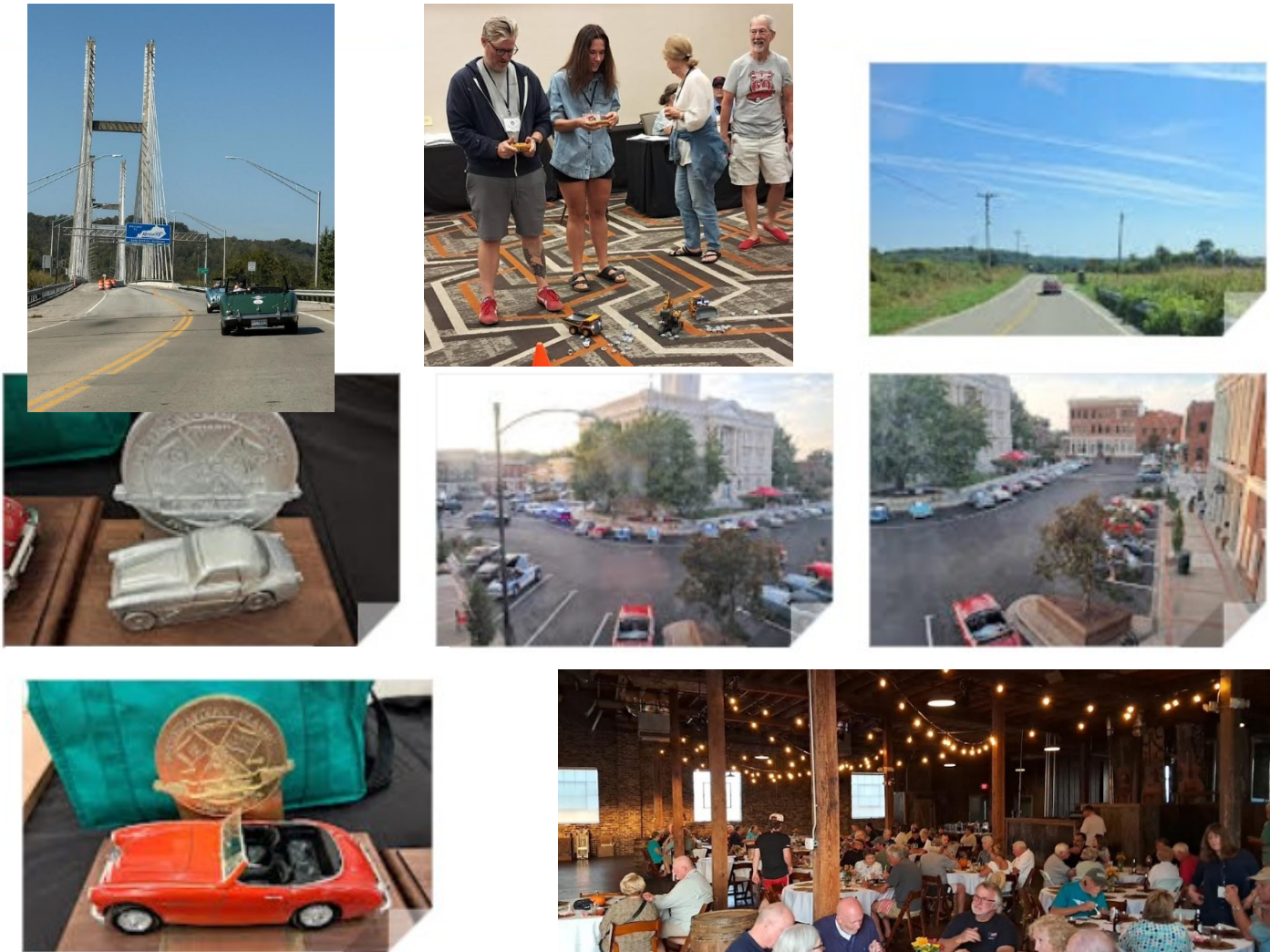


For Sale - NO...not these cars...

new stainless steel complete exhaust system for BN4-BJ7 purchased from Engel Imports. Was installed, ran for 3 hours, and removed for a new custom system. If interested, contact Bernie Lamp (Bluegrass AHC) Louisville for details. (502) 243-3572.



SEPTEMBER ROUNDUP



Southeastern Classic, Franklin, TN, September 18-21 - by Scott Brown

John Wallace and I had decided back in June that we wanted to do both Mid-America Classic and Southeastern Classic in Franklin, TN and drive from Hocking Hills directly to Franklin using back roads and taking the 1-1/2 days between the events to get there. Before we left for Hocking Hills, our SEC travel group had grown to 4 cars with to Steve and Brandon Halleck (Bugeye) from Indy and Mike Foster (100) from Mid-Ohio. During Mid-America Classic, our travel group grew by 2 more cars - Brad Swiggart who drove his BJ8 from Lincoln Nebraska to attend MAC, and Peter and daughter Laura Rowland from Australia who bought a BN4 (V8) in Austin, TX and drove to Hocking Hills in 3 days.

Our group left Hocking Hills on a chilly but clear Wednesday morning and travelled back roads to Chillicothe, the followed 23, 32, and 41 to Maysville, KY where we followed KY68 and stopped for lunch on the West side of Lexington. After lunch, we continued on 68 to Harrodsburg, KY for our overnight stay and dinner at the historic Old Owl Tavern. Thursday morning we left for Franklin, TN

with another day of beautiful driving weather on tap. All went well for almost 2 hours until our gas stop where the Rowland's Healey sprung a gas leak at the fuel pump from an old cracked rubber gas line - I had a 3' length of 5/16" hose in my spare parts bin under the spare tire and we were on our way in no time. We continued following scenic KY68 then turned south on 31E to Gallatin, TN where we had some really good barbecue for lunch at the Smoke House Restaurant where Brad spied two rusting Nash Metropolitans in the back of the parking lot - and we found that Brad was president of the national Nash Metropolitan Club! After lunch, it was more back roads until we finally had to get on interstate I65 on the north side of Nashville and braved the next 1/2 hour drive to the Drury Hotel in Franklin finishing our tour around 2 pm.

Drury Hotel was beautiful and the free dinner was far more than I expected! Thursday night's event was a really different Funkhana featuring remote controlled R/C construction toys with a backhoe, dump truck, and bulldozer. Two people competed against a 3 minute timer to see who could move the most steel nuts across the finish line using the R/C construction equipment. One person would use the bulldozer and the other would use the backhoe and the dump truck. Pushing a nut or two with the bulldozer was relatively easy but slow. Scooping up a nut with the backhoe and dumping it into the truck was apparently more difficult. Several variations were tried including tilting the dump bed of the truck and trying to scoop the nuts in - also forgetting about the dump truck and just using the backhoe to push them across. The bulldozer usually won and the contestant action was really fun to watch.

Friday was the rally which was a great countryside tour with questions and ended in Lynchburg, TN where you could have lunch at Miss Mary Bobo's, tour Jack Daniel's, and wander around Lynchburg shops. Again, the free dinner at the Drury was a hit!

Saturday morning there were two cars and coffee events that you could attend after cleaning up the car. The car show was early afternoon on the historic town square of Columbia, TN which was 30 miles south of the hotel. Healeys filled the square and the ice cream shops and restaurants were suddenly very busy. Our banquet and awards ceremony was held at Puckett's Restaurant where we had a tasty barbecue buffet in the second floor private dining hall and drove back to the hotel after dark. Sunday morning our pre-event travel group split up in different directions with Jon and I retracing our original back roads route with an overnight in Harrodsburg again. Monday morning we left early and tried to beat the heavy rain but only got 10 miles before the heavy rain hit leaving us to creep along KY-68 all the way to Lexington where we parted ways with the rain and headed north on I-75 back to Cincinnati. Other than getting a little wet, our cars ran great for both events!



Romeos and Juliettes Nov.—
Girls—Mellow Mushroom
Guys—Longnecks

CALENDAR 2025

December 10—Christmas Party

January 24—Zakira's Chili Cook off Daytona 24 @atch Party, Blue Ash

June 7-10, 2026—MAC Lebanon, Ohio

September 13-18, **2026** Conclave Galena, Ill

June 7-11, 2027—Conclave Lake Tahoe, CA

MEETINGS 2026 (so far)

March: Wallace

April—Landauer's

May: Ballinger's

June: Skipping due to MAC

July: Wolfers (if they still live there)

August: Cox

October :Parrots Tech team can come out to his place the week before the parrot bonfire to build the bonfire and work on his car.

February, September, and November: Still need volunteers.

Save the Date!

Austin Healey
75th Anniversary Meet

June 7-11, 2027
Lake Tahoe, CA USA



Pre-Registration Now Open

A \$100 deposit guarantees your place at the event. We only need to collect contact information and ask a few questions to better serve you.

Your deposit is fully refundable until June 1, 2026. We will notify you as soon as Early Registration opens.

If registered and paid in full by June 3, 2026, you will receive a \$100 discount (singles \$50) on your registration fee.

To **Pre-Register**,
for more information or to
get on the mailing list, go to:
www.healey75.com

NOTE: Membership checks will be accepted at the Christmas Party.



2025 OVAHC Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 10th

Grove Park Grille down past Old Coney Island

6735 Kellogg Road Cincinnati, OH 45230.

No gift exchange nor meeting is planned.

4:30-5:30 PM Happy Hour Social (In dinning area)

5:30 PM seated meal (In private dining area)

Individual checks or one for each couple

Pre-selected variety of delicious menu items
Wild Berry Salad with option of adding protein
BYO Burger
Flatbread Margarita
Pasta Pmodora with option of adding protein

PLEASE R.S.V.P. to Rosalee **BY DECEMBER 5th**

FOR TOTAL COUNT

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Membership/Renewal Dues Form 2026

Membership/Dues Levels

AHCA/OVAHC Dues:

*Standard Membership: OVAHC \$15 + AHCA \$70 = **\$85**

Includes hard copy Marque and Calendar

Digital Membership: OVAHC \$15 + AHCA \$45 = **\$60

Received Digital Marque and hard copy Calendar

Both membership levels have access to the website and online member directory

****VERY IMPORTANT AT THE WEBSITE WITH CC PAYMENT**

Please check to confirm that you are renewing at the correct level, especially if you are changing from standard to digital or digital to standard

HOW TO PAY

When paying dues by CC online go to AHCA website: www.healeyclub.org Dues can be paid by credit card, the preferred method.

When paying by check. **Mail check to Membership Officer listed below. Make check payable to OVAHC**

WHEN TO PAY: We would like dues payment to be completed **no later than January 31, 2026.**

AHCA/OVAHC/Multi Club: If you are an AHCA member of another area club and want to join OVAHC as a multi-member, the fee is only \$15 and can be completed online with a credit card, or by check. If paying by check, make check payable to OVAHC and mail to Membership Officer listed below. Members will continue all privileges of AHCA as well as receive the OVAHC Newsleak and be included in all local activities.

OVAHC/LOCAL ONLY: We are accepting dues of \$20 per year. \$5 goes to AHCA to cover insurance when you participate in our local activities. You will receive the OVAHC Newsleak and be included in all local activities. You will not be a member of AHCA, or receive the Healey Marque and calendar, or have access to the AHCA "members only" section. NOTE: According to our bylaws, all OVAHC officers must also be members of AHCA. Send a \$20 check payable to OVAHC to the membership officer at the address listed below. **Dues payment needs to be completed no later than January 31, 2026.**

Please complete all information and return this form with payment to Membership Chairperson

NAME _____

Last

First

Spouse

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ + _____

PHONE _____ CELL (S) Member _____ Spouse _____

E-MAIL (S) Member _____ Spouse _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: ☐ STANDARD ☐ DIGITAL ☐ MULTI CLUB ☐ LOCAL ONLY

CAR INFO (New member or any changes) Year | _____ Model _____

Additional cars, please list on the back.

Everyone is encouraged to attend our Greater Cincinnati area meetings and join us for other activities. These include drives, tech sessions, a picnic, Romeo and Juliette luncheons, the Christmas lunch, and more. Our goals are to promote friendship and to preserve and enjoy the Healey cars. ****Ownership is not required****

Any comments or questions, just ask. Thank you.

OVAHC Membership Chairperson

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TECH TEAM

Thank you to the 27 participants in the first **Austin-Healey Mid-America** Technical Support Zoom Meeting Wednesday evening November 5th.

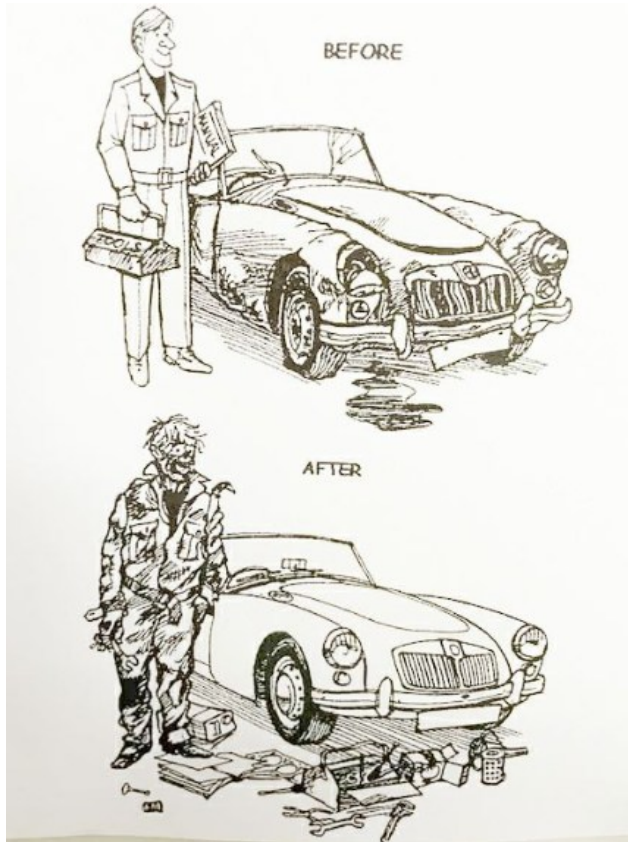
The “experts” on the call will were: Daryl Wagner of Automotive Artistry in Hudson, Ohio 330-554-4333 our Big Healey expert, and Jeff Porada of Winner Circle in Cincinnati, Ohio 216-889-4666 our Spridget expert. We record these Zoom meetings for future reference, and post on our YouTube channel on our Members Only section of ClubExpress website.

Austin-Healey Mid-America Technical Support Zoom Meetings are planned for the second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM ET. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 10th. You will receive a reminder email the beginning of December for the meeting.

[AHCA YouTube Channel - Austin Healey Club of America, Inc.](#)

Hope to see you December 10th.

Please email Jake Jacobs at **jake,jacobs@bhi-gc.com** with *any questions in advance*.



OVAHC “Southern Tech Team” report, by Abby Miller Hanger (Max’s Mom) 11/18/2025

Max Hanger... so much to say but choked up a bit. He and the Healey guys put the wheels on today which involved locating all 17 grease points and hours of work in a cold garage with not enough light and pouring rain. He never quit, never blinked, never took a break. And she’s now road ready. Well done my boy, well done.



Austin Healey 2026 Mid America Classic
Event Co Chairs:
Scott Brown, Ken and Rosalee Campbell, John Wallace

Committee Chairs

Road Rallye and Driving Directions ~ Chairs (on Monday)

Dale Ballinger and Scott Brown

Car Show (Tuesday in Lebanon)

Don Klein, Jake Jacob, Bob Duffey

Walking Rallye (Lebanon on Tuesday)

Bobbi and Tim Ross

Funkhana Chair

Scott Brown and Steve Street

Pre Registration and Awards

Rosalee Campbell,

Treasurer & Registration at the Event

Cindy and Gayle Loos

Car Wash

Bernie Grabow

Website Communications

Don Klein,

Regional Communications

Dale Ballinger

Silent Auction

John Wallace and Ken Campbell

Basket Raffle Chairs

Mary Ann Grabow and Sandy Ballinger

Grand Raffle

Sponsors

Split the Pot

Ladies Events

Yoga-Joan Jackson Ladies Tea?

Hospitality Room

Helpers:

Chris Wolfer, Jerry Cox, Mary Ann Street