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# NEWSLEAK

September  
2025

## AUGUST MINUTES



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- \* Scott and Eileen are recovering from a summer cold, but Scott still has a dry cough.
- \* Scott and John Wallace are traveling from Hocking Hills to Franklin, Tennessee, with a stop in Lexington.
- \* People from the Indiana and Mid-Ohio chapters will be joining them, making about five cars in total.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

- \* Dale is on a cruise and unable to provide a report. Mary Ann took minutes in his absence.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- \* There are 48 Ohio Valley Austin Healy Club members, 4 multi-club members, 8 local members, and 2 honorary members, totaling 52 local and national members.
- \* There are plans to update the online membership process to make it easier.
- \* Dues reminders will be sent out in early December, with a deadline of January 31st, 2026.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- \* The account is "sound and solid."
- \* Credits from the July 12th meeting:
  - \* Split the pot: \$87 to the club.
  - \* Split the pot change returned: \$107.
  - \* Autocross proceeds: \$385. Autocross had 11 drivers at \$35 each.
  - \* Total credits: \$579.

### Debits:

- \* Cakes/cookies: \$150.
- \* Website domain: \$25.17.
- \* Insurance for autocross: \$722.
- \* August meeting hosts: \$75.
- \* Total debts: \$972.
- \* Account balances:
  - \* Starting balance: \$6,211.
  - \* Closing balance: \$5,818.
  - \* Tech team balance: \$1,793.10.



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## NEWSLEAK EDITOR REPORT

\* There was only one newsletter this month, as opposed to three in June. If anyone missed the June newsletters, they should ask Mary Ann.

## ACTIVITIES

- \* The Queen City Cooper Car Club is going to the Ohio State Reformatory (Shawshank Redemption prison) on August 28th. \* The Miata and Healy Clubs are invited to join. Private tour at 11:30 AM, costing around \$50 per person. There is a lunchroom available after the tour. A non-interstate drive back is planned, possibly on U.S. 42 or U.S. 40.
- \* This weekend is the hill climb at Bellefontaine. Jake and the Rosses are attending.
- \* A group meet up is planned at Home Depot. Joe Yanaon will join for lunch at Young's Dairy in Yellow Springs on Route 68.
- \* The Hocking Hills event is also coming up.
- \* The Romeo's group will meet in New Richmond Wednesday \* It's a Mexican restaurant with a 32-ounce beer and shaded areas along the river.
- \* The Juliets will meet at the Squire Inn in downtown Middletown.
- \* The September Romeo and Juliet events will be combined due to scheduling conflicts. \* The event will be at Miami Ville Trail Yard on September 24th. \* A table for 15 will be reserved for the Romeos and a table for 10 for the Juliets. \* Directions will be provided.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

- \* September group luncheon for Juliets and Romeos will be September 24th at Miamiville Trail Yard
- \* Christmas activity: December 10th at Grove Park Inn, 4:30 to 5:30 will be social time with two servers for beverages. \* Seating at 5:30 with two servers for meal orders (everyone pays their own).
- \* Invitation with RSVP information to be sent out. BOBO wine.

## MAC 2026

- June 7th-10th in Middletown. Destinations: Waynesville and Lebanon. Banquet dinner at the Bulls and Lamb.
- Car show in Lebanon. It is the 50th anniversary of the National. Staying at Drury, all-inclusive price includes breakfast, dinner, and free hospitality room + Two adult drink tickets every night.
- \* Activities include: Car races. Silent auction, and raffle tickets.
- \* Volunteers are needed.
- \* Having it in June because they do not want us to conflict with other September events.
- \* Jake is playing gymkhana, but it might be cost prohibitive due to insurance costs. The co-chairs need to discuss it again.

## NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

- \* John Wallace will be assuming presidency.
- \* Dale wants to be vice president.
- \* Jeff Parada and Nancy nominated to do travel, activities. Dale was also nominated

## TECH TEAM DIRECTOR AND TREASURER

Tim is back as tech team director. Cindy will continue with this the treasurer position is the most prestigious in the club.

## OTHER POSITIONS

- \* Mary Ann Grabow is the newsletter editor.
- \* Don Klein is nominated for historian.
- \* Jake Jacobs is the delegate business manager.

## ARCHIVIST AND WEBSITE REPORT

- \* The club has 50 years' worth of stuff that could be archived and digitized possibly by the library
- \* Don Klein currently manages the website.

MEMBERSHIP: \* Rosalie will continue with membership.

## SECRETARY

- \* Mary Ann volunteered to be secretary if the club pays for a program to take minutes, costing \$18 a month or \$99 a year.
- \* The elections are in November, and this can be discussed in the October meeting.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- \* Next month's meeting will be at Ben's place on the 20th, off River Road.
- \* Split the pot: Rosalie Campbell is stepping up. Mary Ann won again this month (\$40)

# JULIETTES JULY



## August get together—contact Bobbi Ross to be confirmed.

We have a reservation for **Wednesday, August 27**— “Bobbi Ross – Austin Healey Club”

The Swire Inn  
64 South Main Street  
Middletown, OH 45044  
513-318-9933

**1:00** – party of 10, but I will confirm the exact number the night before.

**Note new time!** Thanks to Pat Duffey, Hazel Klein and Deborah Slater for the choice.

Please let me know if you will join us – email [Bobbi.ross@fuse.net](mailto:Bobbi.ross@fuse.net); text/cell 513-309-7052; home/answering machine 513-528-3232

513-318-9933

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**Also note change to time!**

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Please join us for A Driving Adventure in and around the Hocking Hills State Park and Hocking State Forest. Within the park are over 25 miles of hiking trails featuring rock formations, beautiful towering cliffs, thrilling waterfalls, recess caves and deep, hemlock-shaded gorges. Lodging will be at the new Hocking Hills State Park Lodge and Conference Center. Accolades for the area include:

- Among “the 50 most beautiful places in America” according to *Condé Nast Traveler*
- Voted 2024 Best Hiking Trail in the US by readers of *USA Today*
- 2023 Forbes Best Places to Travel

[Mid-America Classic Online Registration - September 14 - 17, 2025](#)

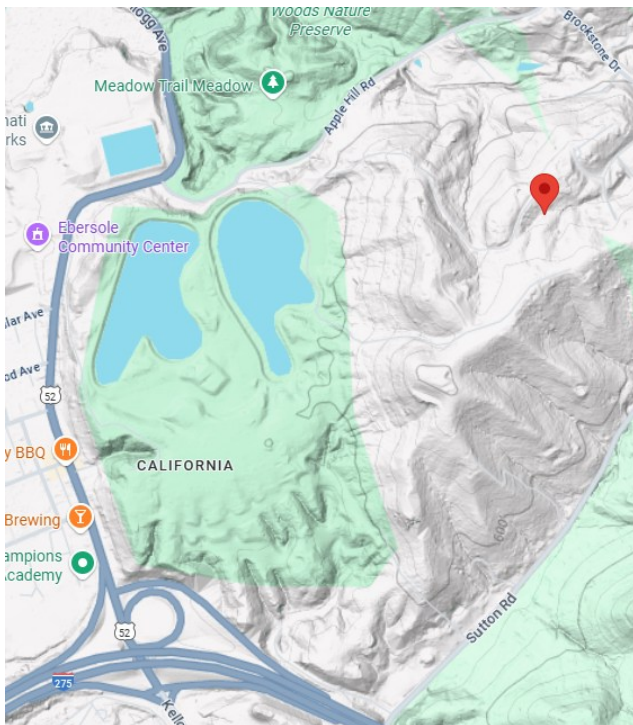




# BEN GRABOW MEETING 9/20



River Road (Rt. 50/Kellog to Apple Hill Road. At the split, go right and continue straight until the end of the road. Parking—park in the grass on the left side of the driveway



Kick tires at 1:00—meeting starts at 2:00

503 Fairway Lane  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45230

513-349-4932



## CALENDAR 2025

August 28—Prison drive (see last Newsleak)

September 14—British Car Day, Cincinnati, Ohio

September 14-17 Mid America Classic at Hocking Hills

September 20—Meeting at Ben Grabow's

Sept 18-21—Southeast Classic in Franklin, TN (See March Newsleak for info)

September 24—joint Juliets and Romeos

October 11—Autumn Classic Driving Tour

December 10—Christmas at Grove Park

## MEETINGS 2025

September— Ben Grabow's

October—Parrott

November—Slater

December—Christmas

## MEETINGS 2026 (so far)

April—Landauer's

May: Ballinger's

March: Wallace is doing March

June: Skip 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.

# TECH TEAM

## PROJECT CAR UPDATES

Tim and Bobbie Ross (BJ7)

The horn in Tim's Healey quit working and may have had a bullet connector come loose at the end of the stator tube. Plans to get in on a lift to check it out.

Bernie Grabow (Henry the 8th -1960 BT7)

- \* Bernie discussed his Henry VIII project (eighth Healey).

- \* The car uses one quart of oil every 70 miles and overheats (upwards of 220 - 230).

- \* 7 tech sessions (or maybe 8) with the OVAHC tech team has resulted in a complete new suspension including new front springs, rebuilt shocks, new wheel bearings, new king pins, new trunnion bearings, new brakes, new high torque starter, new starter solenoid, new brake and clutch master cylinders, new slave cylinder, new brake fluid reservoir, new wheel cylinders, rebuilt front brake calipers, new brake flexible lines, new brake pads, replaced complete rocker assembly with a loaner from Don Klein while awaiting parts to rebuild the original, new LED brake and turn signal lights with Harley lights in the reflector pods wired into the brake lights, new halogen bulb Tripod Headlamps, new rubber seals for the sliding plastic windows.

- \* Bernie plans to have another tech session to hopefully resolve the overheating issue and plans to drive it to Hocking Hills.

Denny Lindauer (Bugeye)

- \* Jeff rebuilt the front end but might have swapped out the master cylinder for the original 7/8 diameter piston instead of a 3/4 diameter piston.

- \* Denny loosened the plate covering the holes and used calipers to check, suspecting the wrong master cylinder was installed.

- \* Denny replaced brake shoes with "super duper green ones," but it didn't improve the braking.

Denny talked to Samantha, the "bug eye guy," who said the 7/8 master cylinders do work with a proportioning valve in the back.

- \* Samantha said she would discuss the green pads with her group.

Denny wants to have the part in the garage before removing the old one from the brake pedal box.

Jerry Cox (MGB)

- \* Jerry Cox MG started using coolant a couple of years ago.

- \* Bubbles were coming out of number three cylinder in the recovery tank.

- \* He took the head off to a machine shop, but continued using coolant.

- \* Jerry got a fancy aluminum head for \$1,900, but it leaked terribly into the exhaust ports.

- \* Jerry's friend found a used head in Birmingham.

- \* The head from Birmingham arrived on the same truck as the aluminum head being returned to Moss.

- \* Jerry took the head to the machine shop, but the guy who was going to work on it was on vacation.

Chris Wolfer (Sprite)

- \* Chris Wolfer and King worked on the Sprite two years ago.

- \* The new fuel pump wasn't working.

- \* Chris had the fuel pump out but didn't test it.

- \* The car was shipped to Zakira for distributor work with Jeff Schlemmer at Advanced Distributor.

- \* Zakira texted Chris and said it's great. He is going to go over Monday and hopefully driving to VGT next week.



Ken Campbell (Sprite)

- \* Campbell's sprightly, holds water well. (caught in a storm)

John Wallace (1960 BT7, Christine)

- \* On/off switch for the battery was replaced, but the new one stopped working after two months.

- \* Clutch was replaced in 2019 during engine rebuild at Zakira's

- \* Grinding gears upon delivery, thought to be air in the clutch.

- \* Shifts well at 3,000 rpm, grinds at 2,500 rpm.

- \* Babying the car before driving to Hocking Hills and Franklin.

- \* Thinks the wrong clutch was installed.

- \* Shifting requires a two-step process.

Skip (Joan) Jackson (Bugeye and MGA)

- \* Joan is looking for a good family for Skip's Bug Eye.

- \* Wants someone to enjoy it.

- \* May offer it at a low price.

- \* Jeff Broadus may be interested in the MGA.

- \* MGA runs well, has had a lot of tech sessions.

- \* Bug Eye is considered rough.

- \* A nice bug eye is around \$10,000.

- \* Tim guesses Joan would take \$2,000 - \$3,000.

- \* Suggestion to place an ad in the newsletter with a picture and price (or "make offer").

- \* Joan wants to continue with the club.

- \* Need to provide details and asking price to the British Car Club newsletter editor.



This was a “blue car day” at our August meeting.



Romeo's enjoyed a lunch along the river in New Richmond.  
Yes that is Henry the 8h...think we are doing better!