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NEWSLEAK



OCTOBER MINUTES

November 2025

October 2025 OVAHC Meeting Minutes

Twenty-six members attended the monthly meeting on Saturday, October 25 at the Denny and Jo Lindauer home in Walton, KY on a cool, cloudy afternoon. President Scott called the meeting to order about 3 PM. He recognized new member Derrick Hastings and guest, his brother Mike Hastings. Scott thanked Denny and Jo for hosting. (applause) September OVAHC meeting minutes were approved.

President Scott thanked Secretary Dale for running the September meeting. Scott gave a report about his exciting September trip with VP John and others from the Mid America Classic in Hocking Hills, OH to the Southeast Classic in Franklin, TN.

Vice President John 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.

Secretary Dale reported that Ken Kreuter is taking final orders for new OVAHC name tags and also that Ken is hosting the final David Kreuter Memorial Scholarship Fund pancake breakfast tomorrow in Delhi, OH. Info was sent in an email today, too.

Treasurer Cindy reported that since Saturday, September 20 at the Grabow home we had credit of \$45 for September split the pot. Debit of \$200 for October bonfire meeting hosts. Current balance is good. Tech team spent \$573 for a powered grease gun, so balance is \$1219.

Membership Rosalee Campbell said we stand as is and the newest member was already introduced. Newsleak Editor Mary Ann said this meeting is past her normal deadline, so the November will be out when it is ready. Historian John Parrott had no report.

Activity reports: Bobbi said the Cincy Miatas and the Queen City Minis are going on a drive to the Serpent Mound with lunch at Miller's Store on Saturday, November 8. Contact her or Tim if you wish to join in.

Tech Director Tim reported on the last two sessions completing the work on the Dan Durbin 61 BT7 in Lebanon, OH. Dan should be driving it today in the University of Cincinnati football homecoming parade. Tim purchased a new grease gun for the Tech Team. If anyone in the OVAHC wants to borrow it, contact Tim and buy the grease tube you require. Tim asked if anyone wants to buy new 2026 Hawaiian lassie calendars for the tech team guys who are allowed to have them. To join in or to schedule a tech session, please contact Tim.

Secretary Dale reported that 16-year-old OVAHC member Max Hanger had us over to get his 1961 Healey running. Success in getting it started, and we then went back and took off the wheels in anticipation of him replacing the tubes and buying new tires from Tire Rack. We also changed the oil and filter.



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Business Manager/Delegate Jake said he and Jeff are going to the annual AHCA delegates meeting in November. Ben Moore will be the next president. Jake is on the retention committee. Toward this pursuit, there will be a Zoom tech meeting for our Mid America region. Jake sent emails about this. It will be on Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 PM. Please log in and see if you like what you see. Jeff Porada will be contributing as an expert. Jake said AJ Klein took ownership of HAPPY the Sprite which Joan Jackson graciously sold to him. Web site Don's nephew, AJ is the

now proud owner and is living in Columbus, OH.

Web Site Don reported that AJ's wife and her father are in the website creation business. She agreed to have them look over the OVAHC site. Don is a little nervous as she has a reputation for exactness. Don said he has put in many hours so far, and we'll soon see what their opinion is.

Rosalee made an announcement concerning the Mid America Classic. The co-chairs are Scott Brown, John Wallace, with Ken and Rosalee Campbell. The event is based in Middletown, OH and the dates are June 7-10, 2026. At the ladies recent Juliettes lunch, she asked some to try to find pretty teacups and saucers for a special ladies' activity for Monday, June 8. They're thinking about a tea for the ladies and are asking members to search for settings to donate to the committee. Rosalee and Mary Ann said they wanted about 40 that look nice. If you do intend to make any other purchases and want a reimbursement, please obtain prior approval from the committee. They plan to keep a tight rein on the budget.

Scott talked about the Drury Hotel he stayed at in Franklin, TN. He said the rooms are very nice. Drury provides free hot breakfast every morning and hot food and cold beverages at 5:30 *Kickback* every evening built into the hotel nightly rate. It includes dinner, snacks, and each adult gets a ticket for up to three adult beverages per person every night if you stay at the facility. Scott said it was fantastic at the Southeast Classic in Tennessee in September. Great food, great service, and a different menu each night. John Wallace spoke about the nice town of Waynesville, OH where the rallye ends. There are plenty of restaurants, shopping, and parking available. The town is really wanting to work with us.

Old business: The election of officers was finalized. President John Wallace, Vice President Dale Ballinger, Secretary Mary Ann Grabow, Membership Rosalee Campbell, Treasurer Cindy Loos, Newsleak Editor Mary Ann Grabow, Activity Activators Jeff Porada and Nancy Bacon, Tech Director Tim Ross, Delegate/ Business Manager Jake Jacobs, Web Site Administrator Don Klein, and Historian John Parrott with color stories by Don Klein. The slate was voted on and approved.

New business: The winner of the Split-the-Pot drawing received \$60 and \$60 went to the Club. John Parrott was the lucky one!

Scott thanked Jo and Denny for hosting. (applause) The next meeting will be Saturday November 15 at the home of Jon and Deborah Slater in Waynesville, OH at 1PM for tyre kicking and 2 PM for the meeting. President Scott thanked Denny and Jo for hosting. (applause) Then he adjourned the meeting. We snacked on Kroger fried chicken, all the fixings contributed by members, socializing, wine tasting, and wood burning. After dark, Tim shot off some fantastic fireworks!

Submitted by Secretary Dale





We have a reservation for the ladies on Wednesday, November 19, at Mellow Mushroom, 1014 Town Drive, Wilder, KY. Men plan to Longnecks same time.

Juliettes October lunch



FALL CLASSIC TOUR



The Fall Classic Driving Tour organized by Kurt Niemeyer and Laura was a big success and most enjoyable as always. A large variety of autos showed up for this annual event—from the exotic to the historic to the ordinary—a grand selection of 45 autos. Although the leaves had not turned color yet, the lush greenery of Ohio is unsurpassed—but so was the homemade rich and creamiest, tastiest Amish ice cream we ever tasted was a feature at the Old Thyme Fair, plus a one-ton pumpkin.



Janet waiting to leave

Janet and John and Ben Grabow were the lone rangers from OVAHC and it was a perfect weather day. Slower speeds this year and no white knuckles on the grab bars. Dinner in New Richmond at Buck's ended a really nice day.

Romeo's October lunch

Country Inn, Beechmont Ave.



CALENDAR 2025

November 8—Miata club drive (see below)

December 10—Christmas at Grove Park

June 7-10, 2026—MAC Lebanon, Ohio

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

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.

MEETINGS 2025

November—Slater

December—Christmas

MIATA CLUB FALL DRIVE

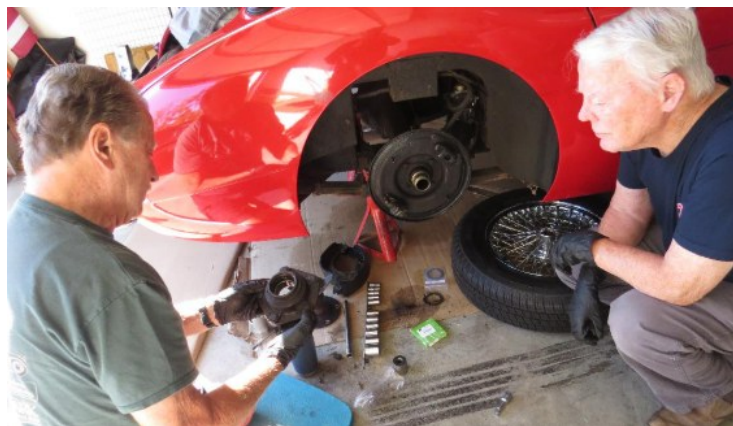
Meet 9:00 at Walmart on Chamber Drive in Milford. 201 Chamber Dr, Milford, OH 45150

Connect to US 50 east to Hillsboro, where we pick up OH 73 south/east to Serpent Mound – a drive of a little less than 90 minutes with no stops. We have allocated 90 minutes exploring – \$8 parking fee per car (paid in the gift shop), decent bathrooms, small museum, walkable path but the observation tower is being rebuilt and won't be open until January or February ☐. After visiting Serpent Mound, we will continue on OH 73 to OH 41 south, crossing OH 32 to Duncansville, where we will turn onto Wheat Ridge Road to Miller's for lunch, again allowing 90 minutes. After lunch, we will return to OH 41, taking it south through West Union to Aberdeen, where we will turn west toward home on US 52. The whole route is about 160 miles. We have designed a few "bail outs" at OH 32 and after Miller's.

TECH TEAM

The Ohio Valley Austin-Healey Club's Tech Team met for the second time to work on the BT7 of Dan Durbin on Wednesday, October 8 in Lebanon. We had previously found a leaking RR axle seal, leaking rear brake cylinders, a stuck RR hub locking nut, damaged oil drain plug, worn rear wheel splines on the original hub mounts, etc. Dan ordered all the parts needed, along with fluids, for this second tech session. As usual, we divided into teams and worked on whatever we had clear access to. Bernie, Paul and Ken went to the RR and used the new 2-3/16" octagonal socket to remove the hub for access to the old oil seal. This required removal of the bearing also. Bernie used a trick from Richard Pratt, who could not attend this day, to turn around the removed axle and use it like a slide hammer to pull the hub off the axle housing. With no press access, Bernie and Paul had to carefully hammer and drift the bearing out, pry out the old seal, and reseal the new seal and reused (good) bearing. Meanwhile, Tim replaced the oil pan drain plug and gasket and removed the old oil filter mount from the block. Dale helped Tim clean off all of the old gasket where the new oil filter adapter will mount and Dan went to Auto Zone for a tube of hardening sealant for the new gasket. Dale and Ken drained all the old antifreeze from the radiator and refilled it with fresh fluid. Dale then found that the old fuel filter was questionable, and a new filter and clamps were added to Dan's shopping list from Auto Zone. Ken, Paul and Bernie took turns attacking the LR and RR brake cylinder change-outs. When Dan returned, Dale worked more on the fuel filter and Tim smeared sealant on the oil filter adapter gasket and bolted the adapter onto the block. Dan then grilled a burger and brat lunch with baked beans, potato salad and all the fixins'.

After lunch, the team found that the RR axle would not mount properly and was bound up. Disassembly, consulting manuals, and lots of examination and head-scratching followed. It was determined that the seating of the RR axle bearing was not "deep" enough in the hub to allow the spacer to fit properly. After Bernie used the "slide hammer" trick again to remove the hub, Tim and Paul took hammer and drift to the outer wheel bearing race to try to gain proper spacer clearance – the others stood back and winced with every wack hoping that Tim would not slip and ruin the bearing or hit Paul. We got the needed clearance and Bernie carefully drifted the hub back on to the housing using the inner race and some lube. With the axle shaft, gasket, spacer and o-ring installed the assembly rotated properly - yea. Tim installed the new oil filter and filled the engine with oil, then fought to remove the differential fill plug (previously tightened by the same gorilla that tightened the old oil drain plug). Paul filled the maxi-syringe with gear oil and Tim squirted it into the empty differential, all 1.85 quarts. We then all ENJOYED Dan starting the engine and checking that all the pressures and temperatures were proper, no smoking, no leaks – Yea. We still have to get the new rear brake shoes installed (fighting the springs) and bleed



the brakes before we can reinstall the wheels and be ready for a test drive. Since we had the car up on jack stands with the wheels off and Tim had brought the NEW Tech Team power grease gun, we went around to all the Zerk fittings and gave them all a good fill. The power grease gun and locking connectors make it all greasing relatively easy and is now available to any OVAHC member for their use (just buy a tube of your favorite grease) and make arrangements with Tim to borrow the kit.

TECH TEAM



On Wednesday morning, October 22, 2025, OVAHC Tech Team members Bernie Grabow, Paul Schondelmayer, and Tim Ross met at the garage of Dan Durbin to finish getting his red BT7 ready for a Univ. of Cincinnati homecoming parade this upcoming Saturday. We had left the rear brakes and anti-sway bar bushings to finish this session due to some parts being ordered from Moss. Bernie had found a U-Tube video of the installation of Healey 3000 rear brakes which we had watched and gained some tips. The tips included the warning that the replacement rear brake cylinders will not fit unless modified. So we were somewhat prepared for shade-tree machining with a Dremel kit and medium cut-off wheel. We used both to enlarge the E-brake lever pockets in the slave cylinder and grind some of the housing away so that we had a chance of “slipping” the cylinder locking tabs onto the back of the cylinders. The rear brake cylinders need to slide slightly back and forth on the brake backing plate to allow both brake shoes to apply equal force, and the locking tabs let this necessary movement occur. Bernie then had the job of patiently tap-

ping the tabs into the locking positions while laying on his back in brake fluid. It was then easy for him and Tim to finish the brake shoe, spring, adjuster lube, and brake drum installation. We set the drum adjusters for very slight initial drag for break-in and checked the E-brake operation - good.

It was finally time to bleed the brakes, starting with the new RR slave cylinder. We used the battery-powered ex-Covid vacuum pump and separator that was donated to the Tech Team by Denny Lindauer. It worked well to suck air from the new rear cylinders and flush the major lines. Applying the vacuum to the LR, RF, and LF bleed nipples in order worked well. Then Bernie sat in the car while Tim went around again, this time just doing a normal pump, squirt, and hold cycle on each bleed nipple again to eliminate all lingering air bubbles. After which Bernie pronounced the brakes good to go. We mounted the NEW rear splined wire wheel hubs, Dan greased all four hubs and wheels, and we mounted the wheels and tightened the knockoffs.

Meanwhile Paul had been up front removing the old, hard anti-sway bar bushings. Then he and Bernie struggled with jacks, pry bars, wrenches, hammers, curses, and new hardware to mount the roll bar using the new bushings. When complete Tim checked and found that the sway bar mount to the frame at the RF point had rusted nearly-through and will have to have some welded reinforcements for next year. We then had a good chili /beer lunch and packed up while Paul and Dan lowered the car onto the tires for the first time this year. Ready to go the parade. Dan will report on the parade participation and maybe have some photos - good luck, enjoy.



TECH TEAM

Today, members of the Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club Tech team helped a young man (16) get his inherited, family owned since new, original, 61 Austin Healey running again after about 8 years off the road. There are still young people attracted to these cars.



Continued on the next page—side Tech Team effort for “next generation” Healey lover—learning his car.

So very proud of my Maxie. Yesterday he had a couple of guys from the club over and learned to change the Healey's oil. The guys had never changed oil in an OG Healey. All are usually modified in some way, like a side extension, so it was a fascinating challenge.

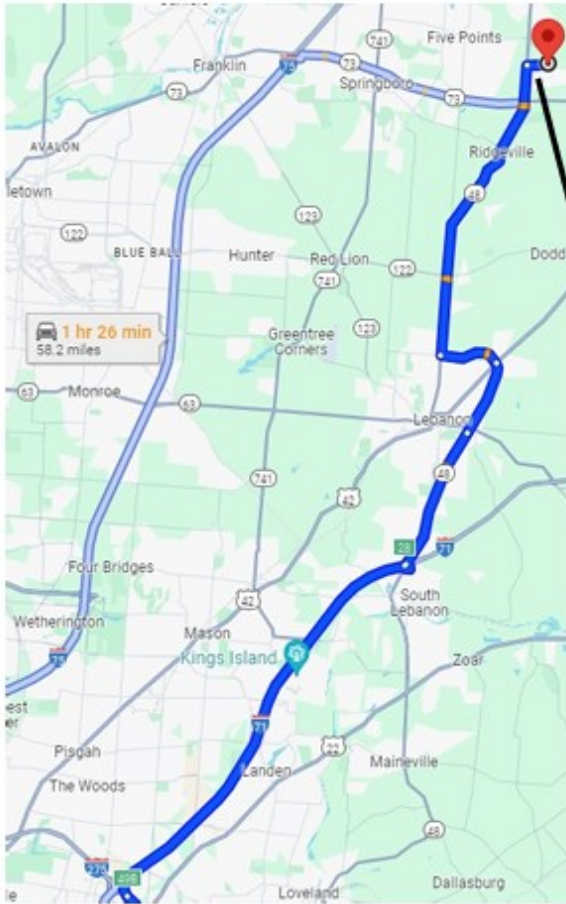
Then they knocked the wheels off. Max had been soliciting advice on what knock off hammer to buy and it was bugging me. My parents took immaculate care of the car and it defied logic my father wouldn't have kept his hammer bc they'd need it in rallies and road courses. So the other night I told Max to check under the spare. He didn't see anything. So I hobbled out there and asked what was below the tire. He kept cautioning it was the fuel tank and not to mess with it. I told him to get me something to poke under to see if there was hollow space anywhere. Eureka. There, covered with carpet and wedged next to the fuel tank was where my parents kept their things. He used a pickax (hatchet) wrapped in a rag: there it was. And an old screwdriver to test the spokes, and extra spokes and a Shelly jack worth more than 3k these days. Original jacks, the whole smash. And I smiled. What a blessing, this odyssey.



2025 OHIO VALLEY AHC FLOW OF FUNDS STATEMENT

BEGINNING ACCOUNT BALANCE: October 1, 2024		\$5,336.76
<u>INFLOW OF FUNDS</u>		
AHCA/OVAHC Dues	\$850.00	
OVAHC Local Only Dues	200.00	
AHCA Rebates:Online Dues Payment	630.00	
Split the Pot	382.00	
Gymkhana: Wisconsin Conclave	500.00	
Gymkhana: Branson,MO Conclave	300.00	
Drivers' Training #1	350.00	
Drivers' Training #2	385.00	
TOTAL INFLOW OF FUNDS		\$3,597.00
<u>OUTFLOW OF FUNDS</u>		
Dues to National (AHCA)	\$700.00	
AHCA Insurance Coverage:		
Local Only Members	50.00	
AHCA Insurance: Gymkhanas (2)	722.00	
Annual Renewal: Website Domain	25.17	
Annual Dropbox Subscription Fee	111.24	
Sponsor:Branson Conclave Hospitality		
Breakfast	250.00	
Newsleak Software: 1 year	45.00	
Digitize Fee:OVAHC 50th Anniversary		
Logo for Shirts	26.95	
Large Cake/Cookies:50th Anniversary		
Designed/Decorated	150.00	
<u>EVENTS</u>		
Drivers' Training: 6-1-25 / 7-26-25		
Monthly Meetings (8)	525.00	
Meetings:October Bonfire	200.00	
TOTAL OUTFLOW OF FUNDS		\$2,805.36
NET INFLOW/OUTFLOW		\$791.64
ENDING ACCOUNT BALANCE: September 30, 2025		\$6,128.40

NOVEMBER MEETING-SLATERS 11/15



8540 Black Oak Ct,
Waynesville, OH 45068
Kick tires at 1:00 and
Meeting at 2:00.

Drive up R48 or up I75 to Slat-
ers

951-897-5002 937 673 3312



JOINT ROMEO& JULIETTE lunch-Sept



Girls table—too many attendees to put the guys with the girls.



Trailyard



Both ends of the men's table—they had quite a crowd.

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