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NEWSLEAK



No meeting minutes

Jan/Feb 2026



<http://OhioValleyAHC.com>



CALENDAR 2026

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)

Feb: Yannone

March: Wallace

April—Landauer's

May: Ballinger's

June: Skipping due to
MAC

July: Wolfers- tentative

August: Cox

September: Ben Grabow

October :Parrots ?

November: Still need volunteer.

I can't thank you enough for your Tech Team generous help and expert advice. Wednesday 10/22/25 was my 80th birthday and this was the best birthday present I could have received. I'm back on the road now and I owe all of you a great many thanks for your kind assistance and dedication to ensuring that we can continue to enjoy these classics.



OVAHC member, Dan Durbin driving his Healey with the Executive Director of the Faculty Emeriti Association, Pam Person waving from the passenger seat at the U.C. Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 25, 2025. She absolutely loved the ride!



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

On Thursday, November 20, three members of the OVAHC Tech Team and a friend / previous co-worker of Jerry's met at the Batavia garage of Jerry Cox. We were at it again to try to get his MGB's engine head installed without any coolant leaks into the #3 cylinder. Three previous attempts failed due to head studs being damaged and not allowing the full and proper clamping force for the head to block seal. This time we had a virgin set of ARP bolts (the best), and we double checked everything before assembling. Scott Brown and John Wallace started the session by using a video probe to inspect each threaded head stud recess into the block and then cleaning and blowing out all the holes. Scott had previously used a flat surfacing stone on the block to ensure a flat, smooth surface and then was cleaned with solvent. Tim Ross installed a new Heli-Coil insert into the rearmost exhaust manifold tapped hole in the head – replacing the previously damaged Heli-Coil. Tim R. then checked all the other manifold stud mounting holes and studs for decent fit and threads, and all were labeled as to which spot to install. Tim Akers, who has a varied car collection, joined us and verified our preparations and plans for the head installation. Scott drove and bought a new can of copper coat gasket spray, and he and John Wallace gave the new head gasket two coats, per previous discussions with Don Klein. Then using two old head studs for alignment, the gasket was dropped onto the head, the head was lowered, the old locating studs removed and all the new studs were installed with a little anti-seize on each tip going fully into the block. Push rods for the valve train were then installed using assembly lube on the pushrod tips and valve stem tops. With the valve train in place, we could then add the hardened flat washers and the special ARP nuts to the studs using the supplied ARP assembly lubricant. A standard head stud tightening sequence was followed to bring the final torque up to 50 ft-lbs in three steps, starting in the center of the head and proceeding front and back to the ends. Similar installation of the exhaust and intake manifolds onto the side of the head proceeded, using new brass nuts except for the rearmost stud which had to be inverted to work with the fine thread Heli-Coil and thus needed a coarse threaded steel nut.

Charleen Cox had ordered a lunch of sandwiches for us and we took a break – while hoping that the new head studs and gasket accomplished their job. After lunch we worked on the exhaust system, which will require some removal of the exhaust pipes to access the flanges and install some new studs from Moss. Tim A. and Scott installed the heater water control valve onto the side of the block and John added antifreeze solution – our first quality check on the head and gasket. Good News!! No green fluid in any of the cylinders. Bad News – green fluid leaking from the heater control valve mount. So, some of the antifreeze was drained back out and the offending valve removed. The new gasket was damaged, so Scott cut a new one out of some rubbery material that Jerry had in his bicycle shop. We then took time to check the tapped length of the valve mounting bolt holes in the block and adjusted the length of the bolts to ensure they clamped the valve without bottoming. Tim A. used infinite patience to get the bolts started and tightened again. Then the antifreeze was refilled and NO MORE LEAKS! Next time we will get the exhaust system back together and reinstall the carbs, set the timing and run the engine for the first time in two years.



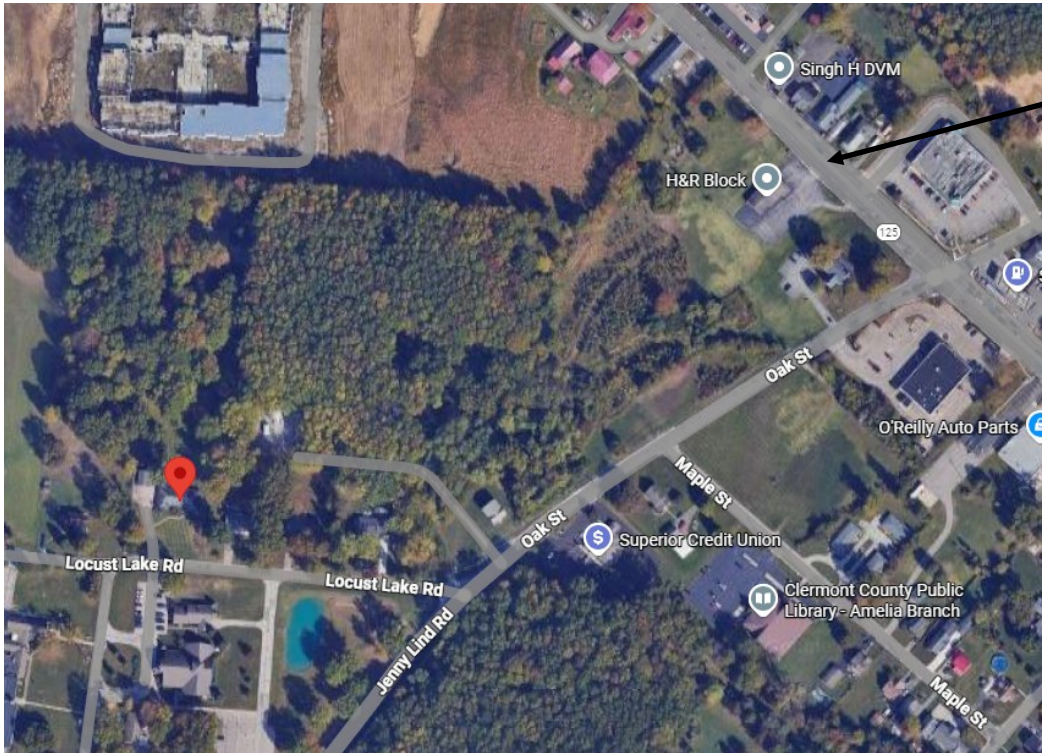


12/18 members of the Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club Tech team assisted club member Jerry Cox get his MGB running again.



FEBRUARY MEETING

February 5 meeting at Joe Yannone's new house in Amelia, Ohio.
Take Rt. 125 (Beechmont) to Amelia and turn right on Oak/ Jenny
Lynn Drive then R on Locust Lake Rd.



Beechmont Ave (Rt
125)

1466 Locust Lake
Road
Amelia, Ohio 45102

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

BYOB



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