NEWSLEAK

October minutes

Oct. 2026

Opening and Appreciation

President John Wallace was absent, and the vice president led the meeting. A note addressed to John Wallace thanked the Ohio Valley Austin-Healey Club and its crew for their work at Conclave and their continued support in keeping the tradition fun and safe. Ben Moore

Treasurer's Report

- Opening balance: $9,830.
- Income: $60 from split-the-pot. Members were thanked for their generosity.
- Reported total debts: $1,399.
- Reported closing balance: $8,491.
- Tech team balance: $2,000.

Expenses and transfers included website renewals for the .com and .net domains a $50 retroactive reimbursement to the Sunshine chair for birthday and sympathy follow-up; $123 for newsletter mailings to seven recipients; a transfer to restore the tech team fund to $2,000, $225 for the bonfire host, reflecting the approved $25 increase; and $76 to Tim Ross for autocross timing equipment. The newsletter mailing work was credited with reducing costs.

Secretary, Membership, and Delegate Reports

Secretary/editor: Mary Ann had no formal report. She recommended Canva and offered to help members who need it for similar work.

Membership: Roslee Campbell reminded members that renewals begin in September. Mike Schneider will send a reminder, and Linda Hankala has been sending renewal information and assisting with questions or online payment difficulties. Members renewing by check should send it to the club and make it payable to the Ohio Valley Austin-Healey Club or its initials.

- The renewal form will include a student membership category for people in school, including high school or college, who are twenty-five or younger.
- A reduced membership category was also described for military members under twenty-five.
- These categories concern national dues only: eligible members would pay $45 rather than the standard $70.
- The updated form will be distributed by email. Members discussed encouraging a young person who inherited a car to participate.

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Delegate/business manager: Jake Jacobs plans to attend the delegates' meeting in Indianapolis in November. Jeff cannot attend because of another commitment. Jake offered to share his room, which has an available bed, with anyone interested in attending the discussions. Members should contact him if interested.

Activities and Social Events

- **Activities calendar:** A downloadable calendar of club events was discussed. One member had already received the events in Google Calendar.
- **Barrington retirement home car show:** Sixteen club members attended with eight Healeys. Members visited Richard Pratt and Bart Pratt and saw honorary member, Marlene Bell. The event included a live DJ, food, and door prizes. No club member won a prize. Another show is expected next year, which would be its third year.
- **Juliet lunch:** The group plans to meet this coming Wednesday at Cozy Cafe in Liberty Township, north of Route 129. The reservation is for ten people at 1:00 p.m.; eight have signed up. The quilters will not attend.
- **November Romeo and Juliet lunch:** Because the fourth Wednesday falls just before Thanksgiving, members agreed to meet on Wednesday, November 18, at 1:00 p.m. at Back Porch Saloon, off Route 747. Separate reservations were discussed for the two groups. Dale offered to arrange them, and the quilters are not expected to attend.
- **Recent Romeo lunch:** Sixteen members attended Pigskin's on Route 42 this past Wednesday.

Christmas Party

The Christmas party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, at the same venue used during the past two years, at Grove Park. Members may arrive at 4:30 p.m. for cocktails of their choice in the bar, followed by dinner in the back room at 5:00 p.m. A limited menu will be available. This is dinner with friends, with no meeting or gift exchange. Flyers were available and will also appear in the next newsletter. There will be no separate Romeo or Juliet gathering in December.

Tech Team Report

Recent work: On Monday, the team worked on Joe's TR6 while awaiting the engine's return. Bernie and Dale worked on the mirrors and horn, while other work focused on the brakes. The engine compartment has been painted and some bodywork completed. Approximately 60-year-old brake lines were identified. The engine builder's progress has been delayed by a family illness.

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At Wednesday's Pigskin's gathering, calendars were distributed; and the sponsor was Gayle Lose. A roadside ignition problem involving distributor or coil delayed Jake's arrival. On Thursday, members gathered at John's to prepare wood for the bonfire. Four chainsaws were available, two of which worked. No injuries were reported, and a large woodpile was ready for the evening.

- **Scott Brown:** Water pump and radiator installation.
- **Chris Wolfer:** Fuel tank installation and inspection.
- **Joe's TR6:** Prepare an engine stand and mount the engine when the short block returns.
- **Other projects:** Work involving "Henry the Eighth" and Ben's chassis was mentioned,
- **Tech assistance:** Members should call the team to discuss needed work. A member thanked the team for spending two hours adjusting carburetors and timing. A tech session was also scheduled for that day.

Distributor service and kits: Members discussed Advanced Distributors in Minnesota and shared positive experiences with its rebuilding service and troubleshooting support. One member planned to send a distributor for rebuilding; another reported sending eight or nine with satisfactory results. Members also discussed inspection of original caps and wires and replacement of unsuitable wiring. Members should call the team to discuss the work needed. Dave Roberts, an OVAHC member, thanked Don Klein for spending two hours adjusting carburetors and timing.

The tech team asked members to express interest before it produces another batch of kits, including hinge-handle kits, A batch of about six sets was discussed; the team does not plan to make stock solely to take to meetings without identified buyers. A distributor electrical-information handout was available, and members who missed it could request a copy. Nuts-and-bolts kits are also being assembled for newer members who need them.

Historian and Website Reports

Historical materials: Old club newsletters, including issues from 1999, were available for members to browse. A collection of Road & Track magazines, mostly from the 1960s, was also discussed. A member volunteered to collect and distribute them rather than have them discarded; some may include Healey-related articles.

Website: Don Klein reported that the website is active and that Romeo and Juliet dates will be added over the weekend. Members may send suggestions or contact him if interested in taking over website administration.

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Old Business

Officer Elections

A motion to approve the officer slate was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote. The slate was read as follows;:

- President: John Wallace.
- Vice president: Dale.
- Treasurer: Cindy.
- Secretary/editor: Mary Ann
- Membership: Rosalie.
- Delegate/business manager: Jake Jacobs.
- Activities: Nancy Bacon and Jeff Porada
- Tech director: Tim.
- Historian: John Parrott.
- Website administrator: Don Klein.

Conclave 2028

Jeff Brown and Nancy Bacon are organizing Conclave 2028, with Jake Jacobs serving as a consultant. Registration is open for $100 deposits by credit card; members were told the deposit would be refunded if they do not attend. Early deposits were encouraged to help launch the event. The club expects to manage Gymkhana, not the entire event.

Members asked about planning progress and emphasized the need to have the organization in place at least a year in advance. A website, an LLC, and committee chairs for the major activities are reportedly established. A Columbus volunteer was mentioned for the rally, while Jake and others may assist with the autocross. Bobbi and Tim visited Nelsonville and sent Jeff and Nancy photos of a possible car show location. Members requested a list of committee chairs and suggested an update from Jeff on volunteer needs.

New Business

November 2026 Meeting

No one had volunteered to host a November meeting. Members discussed whether to skip it, given Thanksgiving, the November 18 Romeo and Juliet lunch, and the December Christmas party. The Christmas party will remain a social event rather than a business meeting. Jake said he would email a recap of the delegates' meeting, including finances and activities, as he does each year.

MINUTES CONTINED

Decision: Jake moved that the club does not hold a meeting in November 2026. Mary Ann seconded the motion.

Club Equipment, Maps, and Fireworks

- **Equipment returned from Galena:** The Rosses brought back club items, including a donated helmet, a pool noodle, the club banner, and Jake agreed to take the helmet and banner, previously kept by Scott. The microphone and timing equipment were reported to have checked or replacement batteries; arrangements for storing the remaining items were discussed.
- **Maps:** The Rosses offered older Kentucky and Ohio road atlas/maps, transcribed as dating from 2010. Members noted that these show more roads than standard state maps, although some information may be outdated. New editions were said to cost about $20.
- **Fireworks:** Sponsor contributions were received for the evening's show. Thanks were extended to John Parrott, Joe, Scott Brown, and the speaker, associated with "Pyro Mania."

Sunbeam Convention Autocross Request

Tom, Patton, requested that the club consider an autocross connection for the Sunbeam convention in Cincinnati next September. About 20 Sunbeam cars might join a club autocross. Members discussed a conflict with British Car Day in Fairfield, where Healeys are to be the featured marque and the club has already committed to participate.

Follow-up: Confirm the convention and British Car Day dates. Autocross dates are normally set in January. Members discussed replying through Tm to explain the conflict and explore an alternate date, Saturday, if the convention organizers can provide a suitable lot and date. No final arrangement was recorded.

Closing Announcements

- **Conclave autocross payment:** In response to a question raised earlier, Jake confirmed that the club is expected to receive a check at the delegates' meeting, rather than with the thank-you note.
- **Next club meeting:** The next scheduled meeting is in February at Joe's. There are no regular meetings planned for November, December, or January. An early-February weekend, or a late-January date treated as the February meeting, was discussed. The final date is up to the host.
- **Split-the-pot:** Won by Tim Ross

Thanks to John Parrott for a wonderful day!!

OCTOBER MEETING/PICS



Afternoon included car events - working on several cars



Evening ended up with a great fire, full moon and fireworks.



A little target practice and potato gun shots with fishing...

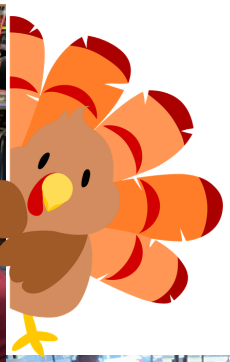


Meeting actually happened along with a great dinner and snacks and drinks..what fun!!

ROMEOS (Sept)









Picture taken from both ends of the table - big group today

2026 OVAHC Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 9th

Grove Park Grille
6735 Kellogg Road
Cincinnati, OH 45230

4:30 PM Happy Hour (in main bar area)
5:00 PM seated dinner in private dining area

Individual checks (or one per couple)

Limited menu:
BYO Burger
Margherita Flatbread
Wild Berry Salad*
Pasta Pomodoro*
*Option of adding chicken, shrimp, salmon or steak

Dinner with Friends! - No gift exchange – No meeting

Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, December 4
Bobbi.ross@fuse.net
Home 513-528-3232 – leave message
Cell 513-309-7052 - text

British Car Day 2026

British Car Day 2026 Pictures & Results

BCD 2026 is in the books! 138 cars registered for the show and hundreds of spectators came for the day. We have to give a shout-out to the Queen City Coopers for bringing so many MINIs. Also the Range/Land Rover owners who brought the most of those that we have ever seen. A special thank you to Cincinnati MINI for bringing the latest MINIs for sale and allowing us to use their DJ car.



British Car Day 2027 will feature Austin Healeys...mark your calendars

Calendar 2027

November 18....Romeo & Juliette lunch
December 8..... Christmas Party
May 2-4, 2027.....Mac in Madison
June.7-11. 2027.....Conclave Lake Tahoe

MEETINGS 2027

January - No Meeting
February - Joe Yannone
March - Wallace
April - Lindauer
May - Slater
June - Cox

July - Joe Yannone (repeat)
August - Wolfer
September - Campbells
October - Parrott (bonfire)
November - Ben Grabow
December - Christmas party

2026 OHIO VALLEY AHC FLOW OF FUNDS STATEMENT

BEGINNING ACCOUNT BALANCE: October 1, 2025		**$6,128.40**
INFLOW OF FUNDS		
AHCA/OVAHC Dues	$1,275.00	
OVAHC Local Only Dues	200.00	
Multi-Club Dues	75.00	
AHCA Rebates:Online Dues Payments	435.00	
Split the Pot	399.00	
Drivers' Training	190.00	
Donations	10.00	
EVENTS		
Mid America Classic	4,191.72	
TOTAL INFLOW OF FUNDS		**$6,775.72**
OUTFLOW OF FUNDS		
Dues to National (AHCA)	$1,050.00	
AHCA Insurance:Local Only Members	50.00	
Emeritus Membership	70.00	
Annual Renewal: Website Domain	60.38	
Two-Year Renewal: OVAHC Website	797.99	
Annual Dropbox Subscription Fee	119.88	
Annual Newsleak Software	76.32	
Newsleak Mailings (7): Postage	123.55	
Sunshine Chair: Card Stock/Postage	50.00	
Reallocation to Tech Team	863.62	
OVAHC Member Name Badges (9)	92.17	
OVAHC Banner and Case	106.85	
EVENTS		
Monthly Meetings (7)	450.00	
October Bonfire	200.00	
TOTAL OUTFLOW OF FUNDS		**$4,110.76**
NET INFLOW/OUTFLOW		**$2,664.96**
ENDING ACCOUNT BALANCE: September 30, 2026		**$8,793.36**

Car Show at Barrington



The show in West Chester on Friday, October 9 was a lot of fun. Our host, Tracy Long informed Beth Pratt (Richard and Barb's daughter-in-law) about the show and she told us about it. The show was from 1-4 PM and featured a live DJ. The staff provided soft drinks, water, hot dogs, pretzels with cheese, chips, cookies and more.

We had 16 OVAHC members attending and 8 Healeys presented. No one actually won a prize from the 20 plus field, but the main reason we were there was to visit with Tech Guru Richard Pratt and reconnect with Barb Pratt. Honorary member Marlene Bell was there. Pat & Bob Duffey, Jake Jacobs, Scott Brown, Bernie & Mary Ann Grabow, John Parrott, Rosalee & Ken Campbell, Hazel & Don Klein, Stephen Street, and myself Dale Ballinger.

Tech Team







Joe Yanonne had helping hands from the OVAH tech team on his TR6