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NEWSLEAK



March 2, 2026

February minutes

The meeting commenced at 2:00 PM with John Wallace presiding as president for 2026.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reported a starting balance of \$6,003 and an ending balance of \$6,451.

Tech Team Budget: Beginning balance was \$1,219 and the ending balance was \$1,150.

Activities Update

Although Jeff and Nancy were unable to attend this month's meeting, they sent a Google document outlining their anticipated trips for 2026. These trips are being added to the club calendar and will be sent to all members once final adjustments are made.

John Wallace proposed organizing a couple of group drives for the year, including one concluding at Hocking Hills. He requested the Coxes coordinate this event as they have in previous years. Additional drives are being planned for the year as well.

Membership

The club currently has 42 paid members across both groups.

There was discussion regarding Richard's honorary membership status; the group decided to recognize him as an emeritus member in acknowledgment of his significant contributions. This motion was made by Tim and seconded by Mary Ann.

MAC (Activity Committee notes)

Rosalee distributed a flyer listing all committees and their respective leaders. Each committee member provided a brief update on their recent activities. Members are encouraged to consult the forthcoming committee report to learn who oversees each committee and to offer assistance or suggestions as needed.

Car Show Planning

John Wallace discussed the various classes proposed for the car show.

Scott Brown (Funkhana chair) will be in charge of trivia.

The basket raffle will be organized by Mary Ann Grabow and Sandy Ballinger; there are currently seven or eight baskets secured.

A volunteer is still needed for the grand raffle for women.

Ladies' events include Yoga with Joan Jackson and a Ladies Tea hosted by Deborah Slater.

The group considered producing event shirts but determined it would not be profitable and decided against it. There was also discussion about a means to dis-



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Minutes continued

tinguish car club members for the event, but no resolution was reached.

Tech Team Report

Team activities are highlighted in the newsletter.

Tim reported Jerry's car was completed on January 21st.

Other members requesting tech team support include John Slater, Chris Wolfer, and Wreckenbrock. Bernie may require help with "Henry the Eighth" as well.

Tim shared a Winterization article in the Healing magazine and Reid Trummel is seeking additional articles for publication. Bernie was appointed to write up "Henry the Eighth" for Reid.

Website and National Updates

No updates were reported for the website or national news.

NEW BUSINESS:

A total of \$700 was spent on concourse tickets. It was proposed and approved that such purchases should be made by the club in the future, rather than by individual members. The motion was first made by Rosalie Campbell and seconded by John Wallace.

Allen Wasserman requested donations for the conclave this year; this matter was tabled until the March meeting.

In the future, the vice president will coordinate Romeo and Juliet lunches. February lunches have already been scheduled.

Other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for March 21st at John Wallace's residence.

The split-the-pot prize was awarded to Ken Kreuter.

Lake Tahoe Conclave 2027 was briefly discussed and will be revisited at a later date.

Members attending the February meeting





A visit to Joe Yanonne's new garage



Happy Guy-lentines Day

Very small “unofficial tech session” in Bernie’s garage. Bernie, Ben and Dale mounting Henry VII on the rotisserie for further and easier to get to work. Of course this Jewels frame was not quite like the original and didn’t quite fit so chains and clamps were involved.



Future and official tech sessions will be involved with getting Henry VII back on the road.



CALENDAR 2026

April 10-12 Texas Healey Roundup

May 5-9 California Healey Week

May 31-June-Healeys on the Hudson

June 7-10, 2026—MAC Lebanon, Ohio

August 22—Bellefountain Hill Climb

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

September 17-20-Southeast Classic

October—weekend drive to Hocking Hills (TBA)

October 10-Fall Driving Tour

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

MEETINGS 2026 (so far)

March: Wallace

April—Lindauer's

May: Ballinger's

June: Skipping due to
MAC

July: Wolfers (if they still
live there)

August: Cox

September: Ben Grabow

October :Parrotts ?

November: Still need volunteer.

TECH TEAM

We finally got the Cox MGB running on Friday, 12/19/25 thanks to the work of Jerry, his longtime friend Tim Akers, and the OVAHC tech team of Bernie Grabow, Tim Ross, and new TT member Joe Yannone. The day started with attaching the exhaust pipes to the manifold using new studs and brass nuts. Tim and Bernie fought the flanges from the top and bottom and finally got the nuts all tightened. Then the battle turned to the carburetor assembly and its' attachment to the intake manifold. The problem was that it took 4 hands and there was not quite room for them all to fit. The loose shafts for the throttle and choke need to be held in place at the same time as fitting both carbs to the manifold. Bernie had the primary support with Tim A. and Joe helping. Jerry fetched nuts and lock washers from downstairs. Photos and service manual illustrations left us wondering about the proper arrangement, but we thought we'd try. Tim R. then attached the throttle cable (much patience required), and then the throttle/choke cable mounting plate (using up his final amount of patience). Tim R. had previously thought that the reuse of the old cork gasket at the thermostat housing would work with a good amount of silicone sealant, but when filling the coolant system, many leaks developed. We took a break for a sandwich lunch provided by Charlene.



Tim A. and Bernie then used a new gasket and fresh gasket cement to reattach the thermostat housing and had no further leaks. Tim A. and Joe added engine oil; Tim R. and Joe adjusted the rocker arms with Tim A. wrenching the motor over. Jerry finished attaching the exhaust system, except for the rear exhaust pipe hanger which will need replacing. We checked that the fuel tank was full, while the gas gauge showed empty. Tim A. installed the decent old spark plugs and attached the plug wires. Bernie attached the fuel line to the carbs, Tim R. attached the throttle return springs and we were all ready to start the motor for the first time in 2 years. After allowing the fuel pump to fill the carb float chambers, and with Tim R. manually working the choke levers, **THE ENGINE IMMEDIATELY FIRED RIGHT UP!** Good news it ran, bad news it ran up through the rev range and had to quickly be shut off. We looked at the carb linkage and thought it all looked right. A second trial starting resulted in the same high revs with Tim R. having to choke the carb inlets to keep the engine from the red line, but Jerry reported that we had good oil pressure. So, while the total run time was less than a minute, we declared success, aired out the garage, and called it a day. Jerry will ask Scott Brown to stop over and audit the carbs and linkage to try to find the reason for the runaway revs. Thanks to Joe Yannone to moving closer to Cincinnati (to be close to Judy) and being able to join the Tech Team!

On Wednesday, January 21, the OVAHC Tech Team met again at the Batavia garage of Jerry Cox to complete the startup of his nice white hardtop MGB. We had new tech team member Joe Yannone being joined by stalwarts Scott Brown, John Wallace and Tim Ross. We were also joined by Jerry's son Brian, and of course were treated to coffee, muffins and later lunch sandwiches by Charlene Cox. This time we only (?) had to do the final carb and linkage adjustments to achieve a smoothly running motor with the new head. The typical "Murphy's Law" problems ensued to make the one hour task extend to 3 hours; check the carb floats, clean out the float bowls, ensure the butterflies close and open fully, eliminate the throttle linkage/spring interference with the heat shield, and attach the choke linkage and spring. After this we started and ran the motor and made adjustments to the idle and monitored the oil pressure (good at 60+ psi) while the engine warmed-up. Some coolant leaks were found and hose clamps tightened. The thermostat opened and later the electric radiator fan came on, but no tachometer reading or electric gauges functioned. Jerry said that he has had lots of previous problems with the ignition switch (contacts), and with jiggling the key, the gauges all worked. Attaching a timing light and consulting the manuals during the next run verified that we (probably) have the correct 15 degrees of timing BTDC. The engine was still a little rough and then we finally found the well-hidden connection for the distributor vacuum-advance hose to the rear carb. With everything now good we attached the air cleaners and lowered the car off jack stands and to a smiling group photo of the completed car and then had lunch. When the weather improves, it will be up to Jerry and Charlene to do some test drives and report back to the tech team for any follow-up.



MARCH MEETING

March 21 – 1:00 kick tires and
2:00 meeting.

6824 Tree ridge

Drive 45244

There is more than one way to get to Wallace's. You can come in off 5 mile (pictured) or from Newtown off Rt. 32, but it is my opinion that this is the best way for most people.

