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NEWSLETTER

April minutes

April 2026



Club Meeting Minutes and Activities

Opening Remarks

The meeting was officially called to order, and the hosts were thanked for their hospitality. Attendees shared their appreciation for the delicious salad, pizza, and outstanding wine, noting that the food and atmosphere were fantastic. Gratitude was extended to both hosts for providing an excellent experience.

Approval of Previous Minutes and Reports

The minutes of the February meeting were published without errors. Vice President Dale Ballinger announced that there would be no report until upcoming events. The Treasurer's report began, with the speaker addressing challenges due to the lack of a microphone and urging participants to signal if they had trouble hearing.

Treasurer's Report

After the March 21st meeting hosted by John Wallace, the club's opening balance was \$6,480. Multiple credits were noted, including:

- Split the pot for March: \$45 to the club
- Local-only dues: one additional renewal
- Multi-club member dues for AJ Klein, whose primary club is Mid Ohio and who has now joined this club
- Sale of a club 50th celebration T-shirt: \$5
- Donation to the club: \$5
- Mid America Classic registrations: \$3,780

MAC donation: \$250

Expenses included a payment to Bev Seelan, the Treasure Mothership Club treasurer, for insurance coverage for two local-only members (\$10), and an April meeting host fee (\$75), totaling \$85 in expenses.

The closing balance was reported as \$10,515, with the tech team balance remaining at \$1,136. It was noted that the current balance is around \$10,000 but will decrease as



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MAC expenses are incurred.

Secretary Update

The club is organized and ready to welcome new members. Mary Ann, the secretary, reported no changes.

Club Activities and Events

Dale for Jeff Porada discussed potential interest in a drive through the covered bridges of Preble County, an event previously completed by the Mini Club on April 12th. The route includes both steel and covered bridges, a lunch stop, and finishes at a winery. If the club is interested in participating, Dale will coordinate with Jeff Porada to select a date. Members were encouraged to watch for announcements in the club newsletter.

Another activity involved lunch at the New Richmond Mexican, The Casa Del Rio restaurant. Scott Brown and John Wallace decided to extend the invitation to all club members, scheduled for Thursday at 11:00 AM at Scott's house. This event is informal and open to anyone interested in a good lunch or a car outing.

A possible trip to Maysville was discussed, considering Wednesday, April 29 or Thursday, April 30. Restaurant opens at 2:00 PM during the week. The group may stop at Augusta, noted for its ferry and reputation as an eagle town. Flexibility was offered for scheduling the trip in early May if needed.

Summer Activities and Trips

The club is considering a summer trip to Bardstown, Kentucky, to visit the Cooperage, where barrels are made. Reservations must be made online and in advance. Bardstown also features the Old Talbot restaurant, recognized as the oldest stagecoach stop in America. The trip is tentatively planned for late July or early August, and members are invited to express interest. The Cooperage is in Lebanon, about 30 miles from Bardstown, and hotel accommodations in Lebanon may be more affordable. Distillery tours and winery visits are possible during the trip. Members are asked to indicate preference for staying in Bardstown or Lebanon and their interest in the cooperage tour.

Miata Club and Fall Road Trip

The club is still finalizing dates for activities, with another club planning a road trip in late September or early October. The trip is limited to 10 cars, with the possibility of inviting additional members if spots are not filled. The itinerary includes:

- Travel to Auburn, visiting museums and staying overnight
- Visit to Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, MI
- Travel to Holland, MI, with time to explore state parks and lighthouses

Visit to Windmill Brewery for beer and pie

The route aims to avoid interstates where possible, and members are invited to join these planned drives, some of which are tentative.

Membership Report

The club currently includes 46 Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club national members, 5 multi-club members, 10 local members, and 3 honored members. Eileen was recognized, and several new members, including Max, a sophomore in high school, were welcomed. Max's grandmother was the original owner of his Austin Healey. Danny Mortensen, another member, recently turned 80 and has owned his MGT since college 60 years ago.

Other notable cars were discussed, including an Austin Healey with a Jamaican body, a front windshield from a 1953 Corvette, a Porsche 912 back window, and Kharma Ghia side windows. Opportunities to purchase 1953 Corvette windshields for \$300 were mentioned, and Ken was noted to have acquired a 1958 Corvette.

Tech Team Update

The tech team's recent projects included bringing home Joe Yannone's TR6, now on his new lift and garage extension. To access the drive shaft, the exhaust system was disassembled, with plans to remove the engine in the next session. Scott brought his optical tool for cylinder inspection. Joe has one cylinder that needs attention, and Ken requested help with his Corvette's fuel system and brakes. Members were encouraged to share tech team needs. Advice was given for dealing with oil spots under cars, suggesting regular checks and using cardboard to protect the garage floor until repairs can be made.

A recent drive was reported as enjoyable despite pollinating, windy, and dusty conditions. The group managed

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well, encountering rain and cold fronts, with Ben Grabow putting up his Miata's top in response to the weather. The parking lot at Millers was a dust storm, but the drive featured many nice cars, including a TVR and a variety of British and American classics. Donuts and coffee were provided, and the rain did not deter attendance.

Website Update

Don Klein reported progress on updating the club website, incorporating suggestions from Mary Ann and Jake. The Newsleak was successfully posted online, despite challenges transitioning from Windows 10 to Windows 11. Members appreciated the effort and encouraged continued improvements.

Old Business

The MAC event update indicated 25 cars registered, with representation from various clubs and regions. Committee members were invited to discuss assignments, and preparations for the silent auction and baskets were underway. Members are asked to bring items and lists of contents for the May meeting. The grand raffle for the women's event is set, and the men's grand raffle is being finalized.

Wednesday is the final day to secure the hotel at the event rate, with 13 reservations out of 40. After this date, rooms will revert to regular pricing. The hotel serves as the event's base of operations.

A road rally designed by Dale and Scott invites all club members to participate as contestants. Preparations for trophies, show signs, and activity documents are ongoing. Banner options were discussed, with plans to estimate costs for event banners.

The Concours financial request was discussed, with consensus not to donate money to the Concours group based on thorough analysis by Jeff and Jake. The group prefers to remain independent and not join the National Austin

Healey Club. Judging standards and past controversies were reviewed.

Additional tech team updates included greasing rear shackle points on John's Healy using the club grease gun and lock and lube fittings. Eight Concours D'Elegance tickets remain available, and members can purchase them for discounted admission.

New Business

Thanks were extended to the ladies sewing packets for goodie bags. Mary Ann contributed fans, and members are invited to provide items for the bags. Name tags were available for members to be picked up.

The ladies will meet for lunch at the Golden Lamb on Wednesday at 1:00 PM, with alternative dining options nearby for the gentlemen. Jerry Cox and others plan to visit the car show site to review parking and routes. The Romeos will gather at the Back Porch Saloon on Wednesday, May 20th at 1:00 PM, aiming to include Richard Pratt in the festivities.

The next meeting will be at the Ballingers, May 16nd 1:00 kick tires and 2:00 meeting. Members are encouraged to bring auction items, and registration forms. You can bring baskets if you wish, or you can just submit the list of items you are including and bring the baskets to the event.

Split the Pot

The meeting concluded with split-the-pot drawing. After mixing the tickets, the winning number was announced, and luckily nobody shot the win-Business cards are available those interested, and the meeting adjourned with thanks for everyone's participation.



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Concours discount tickets with prime parking

I have 8 admission tickets left for the June 14th Concours at Ault Park. The tickets are \$35 each (\$45 regular price) and include prime parking 200' from the show entrance. The parking is a club site designated for Classic British Cars only so if you drive something else to the show, your ticket is still good but you will need to park with the general public. Please contact me if you want tickets and I can arrange to get them to you either at a meeting or some other place.

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TECH TEAM

Tech team has been kinda slow right now. If you have a project contact Tim Ross hugcrv@fuse.net for a visit. A few members have been working on Joe Yan-none's new garage project with his cars waiting for work. Get those cars ready for the road!



DRIVING SEASON BEGINS

Nothing kicks off the driving season quite like the sights, sounds and smells* of [Kurt Niemeyer's](#) Spring Drive

(*Specifically, a combination of freshly mowed fields, hot motor oil, manure and just a hint of smoked clutch)



Courtesy of Ben Grabow

ROMEOS



Romeo's went to Mt. Carmel Brewing for their get together this month—good crowd!

MID AMERICA CLASSIC



"Healeys and History"

June 7-10, 2026

Hosted by

Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club

MAC Activities

Come and enjoy the beautiful back roads and history of Southwestern Ohio with visits to historic Waynesville and Lebanon where you will find unique shopping experiences and great restaurants. Austin Healey activities to include Funkhana Evening, Road Rallye, Silent Auction, Basket and Grand Raffle, Split the Pot, Walking Rallye, Car Show and for the ladies, chair yoga and a fun tea.



Hotel

We will be staying at Drury Inn & Suites in Middletown, Ohio. Between Cincinnati and Dayton on I-75, Middletown has plenty of places to shop and eat, but Drury Hotels provides free hot breakfast every morning and hot food and cold beverages at our 5:30 Kickback® every evening. Exit west on OH-122 to Towne Blvd. Our hotel is to the northeast on Village Drive, next to Bob Evans and O'Charley's restaurants.



Attractions

National Air Force Museum, Wineries, Outlet Mall, Amusement Park, golf courses and many quaint small towns for antique shopping. Located a short distance from Cincinnati and Dayton Ohio where there are many other attractions, events and great restaurants!



Register now at www.ohiovalleyahc.com

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Registration Form
June 7-10, 2026
“Healeys and History”
Hosted by the Ohio Valley Austin Healey

Please complete and return the Registration Form with payment and make your 3 night hotel reservations at the Drury Inn & Suites in Middletown/Franklin, Ohio, 3320 Village Drive, Middletown, Ohio 45005. (513-425-6650) and then press zero. Register under group # 10153860 for *Mid America Classic- OVAHC*. Room rate is only \$119 plus tax. Your Drury Inn stay will include a free hot breakfast each morning and for the evening 2 free drink tickets (beer, wine, mixed drinks and soft drinks) and snacks as well as a rotating menu of hot food. Hotel Reservations/cancellations must be made by **Wednesday, April 22, 2026**. Reservations received after the Cutoff Date will be confirmed on a space-available basis at the Hotel's then prevailing rate. **These amenities are available for only those staying in the Drury Inn & Suites.**

Name: _____ Guest Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Car 1 Include Model and Year: _____

Car 2 Include Model and Year: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Early Registration: \$90.00 for 2 people Deadline **April 22, 2026** \$ _____

Late Registration: \$100.00 for 2 people \$ _____

Awards Banquet Buffet: \$60.00 per person _____ X \$60.00 \$ _____
(Golden Lamb in Lebanon, Ohio Seating is limited)

Total \$ _____

**Make checks or money order payable to
Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club or OVAHC
Mid America Classic on Memo Line**

Mail form with payment to
Rosalee Campbell
243 County Down Lane
Loveland, Ohio 45140

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or visit OhioValleyAHC.com

CALENDAR 2026

May 5-9 California Healey Week

May 31-June-Healeys on the Hudson

May 9—Gymkhana

June 7-10, 2026—MAC Lebanon, Ohio

August 1—Gymkhana

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)

May: Ballinger's

June: Skipping
due to MAC

July: Wolfers (if
they still live there)

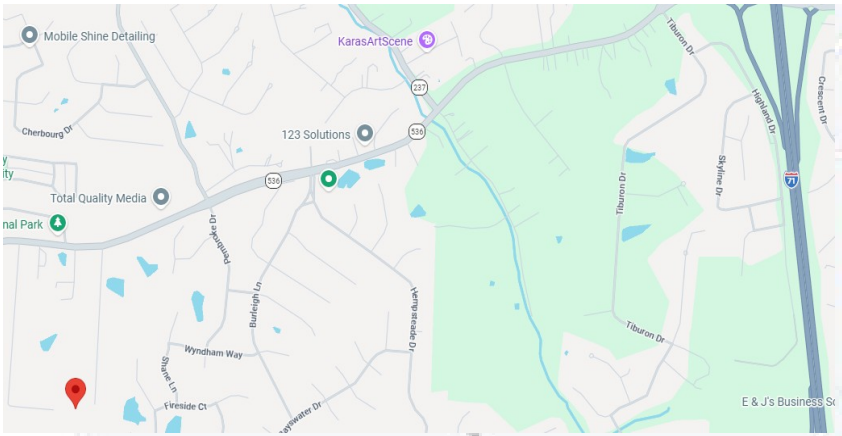
August: Cox

September: Ben Grabow

October :Parrott's ?

November: Still need volunteer.

MAY MEETING



May OVAHC meeting on Saturday May 16 at Ballinger's home. Kick tires at 1:00PM and 2:00 we will start the meeting

We have normal snacks and drinks, but if you have a specific preferred brand of adult drink, feel free to BYOB.

Bring anything you have for MAC—things for goodie bags or silent auction. You can also bring a list of what you have in your basket or you can email them to me Bemeem@aol.com. Let me know ahead of time so we can place the list of items in a folder for your basket for the raffle. People will know what they are bidding on.

Take I-75 south past Florence to exit #178 for Mt Zion Road which is KY 536. Turn right from the exit onto Mt. Zion Road and go west for 1.7 miles to Russwill Lane and turn left. Our house is the last one on the right. It is easier to back up into the driveway so you can pull out after the meeting and "fun" is over.



10179 Russwill Lane
Union, KY
859-384-1345 and press 8

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