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NEWSLEAK

May minutes

May 2026

Committee Meeting Notes

Opening Remarks

The meeting opened with a welcome to all attendees. Scott was absent as he continues recovering from knee surgery, though he is now walking around and able to drive again. Special thanks were extended to the Ballingers for providing the food. The April minutes had been published. Members were invited to note any changes or corrections.

Officer Reports

Vice President's Report

Dale shared a brief update on the Romeos outing. The group will be going to the Back Porch Saloon on the third Wednesday in May.

Treasurer's Report

In Cindy's absence, the Treasurer's Report was presented as follows:

Starting balance in mid-April: **\$10,515**

Added from April split-the-pot **\$50**

Registration and sponsors: **\$4,400**

Debit for the Ballingers: **\$75**

Current closing balance: **\$14,840**

Tech team balance: **\$1,136**

It was noted that upcoming MAC-related expenses will reduce the current balance.

Secretary's Report

Mary Ann's Secretary's Report was sent in the Newsleak.

Activities Report

Nancy Bacon had no additional updates to add.

Membership Report

No major membership changes were reported.

Event and Committee Updates

Autocross Report

The first autocross was held last Saturday. Weather was drizzly early in the morning, which limited turnout. Four drivers participated, and although the event did not make money, it also did not lose money because no insurance cost was incurred. Participants reported having a good time, and the event wrapped up around 11:00 a.m. once the weather cleared.

The next autocross is scheduled for **August 1**.

National and Club Promotion Updates

Jeff and others are serving on a national committee to help develop new ideas for the club. Members should



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Minutes continued

expect an email from Peter about promoting **Drive Your British Car Week**, scheduled for **May 31 through June 6 or 7**. Club members are encouraged to drive their cars, take photos, and share them on Facebook to help raise visibility for the club. There were also discussions about increasing club membership through more active use of social media and possible rebranding efforts to broaden the club's appeal.

Recognition for Tech Calls

Dale was recognized for doing an outstanding job organizing and leading the monthly Mid-America tech calls held on the first Wednesday of each month. Members expressed appreciation for his continued work and leadership.

Conclave and Hocking Hills Updates

Registration is now open for the 2027 event in Galena. There was also an update on the 2028 Hocking Hills event: a hotel contract is in place, and planning is continuing. Members who previously volunteered to help may be contacted again to confirm their involvement.

Tech Session Report

Tim was unable to attend, so his report was shared on his behalf. A group worked on a newly acquired 1958 Corvette that had been sitting for 18 years. The gas tank was replaced, additional parts were ordered, and the team made solid progress while enjoying lunch together.

Website Report

Don Klein reported that the website is active and updated regularly. He noted that when posting minutes online, he removes large financial details from the Treasurer's Report because that information does not need to be made public. Website traffic remains modest, with one day at the start of the month recording seven visits.

Don also said that anyone interested in taking over website responsibilities is welcome to ask.

Old Business

MAC Event Update

An update was provided on preparations for the upcoming event:

40 cars are registered.

68 people are attending.

65 people are attending the banquet.

Car show categories include Bugeyes, square bodies, 100s, and 3000s, along with other British cars.

Monetary donations currently total **\$1,450**, contributed by both businesses and individuals.

Non-monetary donations include notepads from Hendrick's and a gift basket from Sakura's.

Notices with the event schedule have gone out to registrants, and the schedule will also appear on the back of badges. Another notice will be sent soon with more details about hospitality room activities, including ladies' events and chair yoga. A sign-up sheet is being circulated for those activities.

Driving Rally

Members were encouraged to participate in the driving rally. Organizers emphasized that it is intended for everyone in the club, not just visitors from out of town. Even those not interested in answering rally questions are encouraged to enjoy the route and lunch destination.

Baskets, Silent Auction, Goodie Bags, and Awards

About nine baskets have been assembled so far.

The silent auction is progressing well.

Goodie bag assembly will be scheduled closer to the event date.

New car magnets and awards were displayed.

A new banner and storage case are now available, and *the banner should not be folded*.

Setup and Hospitality Room

A setup meeting is scheduled for **May 30**. Volunteers may be asked to arrive early depending on availability. Organizers are working to make setup simple and efficient.

Hospitality room plans include trivia, raffle basket tickets, silent auction bidding, snacks, water, and other light refreshments. Monday morning water will be available for rally participants. Members also discussed placing a car-related puzzle in the room as an additional activity.



Dinners and Hotel Amenities

It was clarified that guests staying at the Drury Inn will receive the kickback dinner as part of their hotel amenities. Because of this, there will not be a separate welcome dinner.

Out-of-town guests not staying at the hotel were informed that they may still pay separately for breakfast or dinner if desired.

Lebanon / Bardstown Run

The current plan is to stay in Lebanon for two nights at the Hampton Inn. The proposed trip would include:

Day 1: Visit the cooperage and other sites

Day 2: Lunch at the Talbott in Bardstown, followed by the return trip

Possible travel dates discussed were **Tuesday, July 14, through Thursday, July 16,** or **Tuesday, July 21, through Thursday, July 23.**

A weekday trip was preferred.

Members were reminded that reservations are required for the cooperage tour, and attendance numbers will also be needed for restaurant reservations.

New Business

British Car Day 2027

Scott Brown shared, through the report, that the British Car Club of Greater Cincinnati would like Austin-Healeys to be the featured marque at **British Car Day 2027**, scheduled for **September 12, 2027** in downtown Fairfield.

The organizers would like a commitment of at least **10 Healeys**. Club members agreed that participation seems feasible, and Scott will be told that the club plans to support the event.

Concourse Tickets

It was announced that five tickets remain for the concourse at **\$35 each**, representing a \$10 savings. Members who had not yet purchased tickets were invited to do so.

Birthday Recognition

The club recognized Bernie's **80th birthday** and sang Happy Birthday. Photos were taken to mark the occasion.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be in **July**.



Drivers Training 2026



Ohio Valley Austin – Healey Club

Driver's Training / Gymkhana 2026

Gymkhana Dates:

August 1, 2026

Registration 9 to 10AM Live Oaks – Milford, OH 5956 Buckwheat Rd, Milford, OH

- Rain or Shine

Time: The main gate opens before 9:00 AM. First 20 cars - up to 25 drivers. The maximum or cut off is 10:00 AM. Runs start as soon as possible. Clean up about 3:30. The more help picking up cones and cleaning the earlier we leave.

Cost: \$35.00 per Driver – Min 8 - Max 25 drivers - spectators free!

All drivers are required to work the course when not driving. Bring chairs and a cooler - No alcohol.

Required Equipment: A safe/functioning car (we will inspect it) any make or model, Helmets are required for drivers and passengers. We have 3 loaners available.

Goal: "Fun & Family Oriented Gymkhana" Meaning - street legal tires driven to the event; No trailered cars unless they are vintage.

This event is designed to be a safe, fun way to enjoy your automobile. No dangerous driving or recklessness will be tolerated. We operate near a residential section, the exhaust system must be street legal for noise. **Regardless; we reserve the right to determine if it tooooo loud.** We want to come back next year..... Remember - you are competing against yourself, not others - come out and have some fun with your car and like-minded people!

Questions call the Committee:

Jake Jacobs (beancounter) 513-509-6038; Don Klein (Track Master) 513-785-8484; Jeff Porada/Nancy Bacon (Track Set UP & Timing Master) 513-315-8958 or E-mail me if you want to be on our update list.

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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.

Scott Brown, OVAHC, BCCGC

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CALENDAR 2026

May 31-June-Healeys on the Hudson

August 1—Gymkhana

August 1—British Car Day, Dayton, 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)

June: Skipping due to MAC *no mtg*
July: Wolfers

August: Cox
September: Ben Grabow
October :Parrott's ?
November: Still need volunteer.



Through the woods and over the river we go to Maysville!

TECH TEAM

On Thursday morning, May 7, Paul Schondelmayer, Tim Ross, Gayle Loos, and John Wallace met at the garage of Ken Campbell for the first tech session on Ken's "new" 1958 C1 Corvette. Ken, as usual had the "to do" list and tools ready for the team, and Rosalee had coffee and pastries to consume. Ken's neighbor Kyle Gangross also joined the team and was a great help the entire day. John and Paul started pulling off the front drum brakes and checking all components. Gayle and Tim started preparing the gas tank hold-down clips for the new tank. The 'Vette was generally in great shape and good looks, but as we found out, the fiberglass doesn't rust but the metal fasteners sure did over the past years. Ken had previously broken off the heads of the gas tank strap fasteners, so we were left with having to grind and drill out the brackets – to be replaced later.

We then ogled the new Canadian-built gas tank and started to "drop" it into place behind the seats. Gayle, Tim and Kyle pushed, pulled, pried, and even stood on the tank to try to get it into place – not close enough. We then pulled it out and refit the old tank to verify how easy it should fit. We compared the old and new tanks and decided to trim off some of the "extra" edge flange that reduced the clearances to the fiberglass. Tim had fun and made lots of sparks, but the second try with the tank went better and we declared it close enough.

By this time Paul and John had fought the front drums off and found the condition generally good. Ken will not take a chance on old parts and will likely have the drums lightly turned and install new brake hoses, wheel brake cylinders, shoes, and wheel bearings. John and Paul then moved to the rear drums and repeated all the struggle there.



Tim, Gayle and Kyle had moved to the next item on Ken's list: removing the seat frames – Ken had also tried to loosen some of the 8 bolts holding down each frame and had very little luck getting a wrench on some and removing them. The seat front-back sliding mechanism had apparently not been used in 50-some years and was frozen back. Kyle and Tim used a soft-face hammer to persuade the seat tracks to loosen. But at least half of the seat bolts would not turn, and some others just had the heads broken off. Tim and Gayle resorted to using the edge of the cutoff wheel on a Dremel and larger tool to s-l-o-w-l-y grind the heads off the 6 remaining bolts, finally freeing the heavy-duty seat frames!!

In the middle of all this we took a break for a nice Chilli lunch with plenty of fixings, thanks to Rosalee. Ken will have the unenviable task of trying to drill out the remains of the seat frame bolts or having to go to some "plan B". We haven't even discussed the questions over the motor and dual quad carburetors – next time.



JULIETTES



Had a great lunch at The Golden Lamb...where we are going for our banquet at MAC this year. Did some shopping at the local stores and stopped for ice cream. If you weren't with us on this trip you are really going to enjoy Lebanon at MAC!!!
Hope to see you this month at Greyhound Tavern on Dixie Highway in Kentucky.

ROMEOS

