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NEWSLEAK



July minutes

July 2026

Ohio Valley Meeting Minutes

Host acknowledgment: The club thanked Chris and Donna for hosting the meeting.

Opening Business

The meeting opened with a review of the May minutes. No changes were requested, and the minutes were accepted as presented.

Officer and Committee Reports

Vice President's Report

Dale provided a brief and lighthearted report on the recent fishing trip. Members reported that the group caught fish, enjoyed the outing, and thanked Don for hosting or organizing the trip.

Secretary's Report

Mary Ann Grabow reported that there was no secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report

Rosalie presented the treasurer's report on behalf of Cindy. Finances were reported to the group and we are in good standing. Members discussed the new Ohio Valley banner. Don had it previously, and Scott confirmed that he had returned it to the appropriate container with the bars.

Activities Report

The proposed trip to Lebanon, Kentucky was canceled due to limited interest and extreme heat. The club may reconsider the trip in October as a fall leaf-viewing outing, potentially including a visit to the barrel-making factory. Members expressed more interest in an October date, and the topic will be revisited at a future meeting.

Membership Report

Rosalie Campbell reported that there were no new members.

Delegate Report

No delegate report was provided because Jake was attending another meeting.

Tech Team Report

Tim Ross reported on upcoming and recent Tech Team activity. A Tech Team session is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, at Joe's to work on Dale's newly acquired vehicle. The expected work includes battery installation and other tasks needed to get the car road ready. A future Tech Team session will also be scheduled for Chris's vehicle to drop and clean the gas tank, inspect the fuel pump, and address fuel-system issues that are currently keeping the vehicle off the road. Members with Tech Team needs should email Tim so a session can be arranged. Several club-owned tools and shared resources were reviewed, including the power greaser, vacuum brake



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Minutes continued

bleeders, door hinge bolt kits, clutch bleed extension, leak-down tester, reverse bleeder, and other specialty tools. Members should send a general email to the group if they need to borrow or locate any shared equipment.

Historian and Website Report

No separate historian or website report was recorded beyond the website renewal expense included in the treasurer's report.

MAC Event Summary

Rosalie Campbell presented a detailed summary of the MAC event and thanked the many club members who contributed their time, talents, and resources. She noted that committee leads were given their areas of responsibility—including the walking rally, driving rally, baskets, hospitality, registration, and other activities—and executed them successfully. The event included 43 cars listed, with 41 participating in at least one event. Participants came from several areas, including Illinois, Canada, northeastern Ohio, and Bluegrass. Feedback was very positive overall, with one recurring comment that the event felt too short because so much was packed into three days.

The driving rally received strong feedback for its route, length, and restaurant ending. (see page 12) Chair yoga was appreciated as a relaxing activity after a driving day. The ladies' tea was also well received, with positive comments about the presenter, tea and

scone tasting, and the take-home cups.

The hospitality room was viewed as somewhat small, but members recognized that suitable hotel meeting space is increasingly difficult to secure. The hospitality room provided an important gathering place for evening activities, including trivia, silent auction items, baskets, and the grand raffle. Members appreciated that the auction and raffle included items for both men and women.

Additional positive comments were received about the walking rally, car races, trivia competition, Golden Lamb banquet dinner, and the Drury Inn accommodations. The Golden Lamb dinner was described as a higher-quality banquet experience, and the Drury Inn's meals, breakfast, soft drinks, and drink tickets contributed to the value of the event.

Rosalie reported that the Drury Inn and Suites location worked well because it allowed safe and quick access to events while also keeping the group close to back roads. Several expenses were avoided, including a charge for the hospitality room, a separate welcome dinner, and car show venue costs because Lebanon provided a large parking lot.

The MAC event ended with a suitable balance after all bills were paid. Rosalie credited careful planning, in-house resources, donations, and expense control for the successful financial outcome. Special thanks were given to Cindy for handling the financial figures, to Gail for registration support, and to co-chairs John, Scott, and Ken for their leadership, ideas, and availability throughout the planning process.

Old Business

The Lebanon, Kentucky outing was discussed under activities and remains a possible October trip depending on member interest and other scheduled events.

The September caravan to Galena was also discussed. Members may choose between a two-day trip following the Ross itinerary or a one-day early morning drive with the Ballenger's and the Grabow's. A sign-up sheet was circulated. The two-day caravan currently includes several cars and will use a recommended Best Western hotel in Illinois, near I-74, before continuing the next day along the river. The Ross Flex and trailer will be available on the two-day route in case of vehicle issues and may have limited room for extra luggage.

New Business

Scott reported that the British Car Club requested that Ohio Valley select the featured car or artwork for next year's British Car Day T-shirt. Options discussed included a large image of a Healey model, such as a 100, 3000, Silverstone, or Bugeye Sprite, or a smaller badge-style design. Scott will confirm the required artwork format, and the club

will continue considering ideas over the coming months.

A letter from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation regarding the David Krueter Memorial Scholarship Fund was discussed. The fund's remaining balance of approximately \$21,000 will be absorbed and aligned with the original scholarship purpose. The club noted that the long-running related fundraising activities, such as the pancake breakfast, appear to be ending. Members discussed the possibility of identifying a new preferred charity in the future.

The club briefly discussed the upcoming national event support structure. Based on prior information, National is expected to fund the event, while local clubs may provide support such as hotel negotiation assistance. Members noted that the club should confirm details before assuming any financial exposure.

Upcoming Dates and Announcements



Tech Team session for Dale's car: Tuesday, July 28, at Joe's.

Future Tech Team session for Chris's fuel system: date to be scheduled.

Ladies' lunch: Wednesday; details to be coordinated by Donna and Cindy.

Next club meeting: August 15 at the Coxes' home.

Possible Lebanon, Kentucky fall outing: to be revisited for October.

September Galena caravan: members should sign up and indicate whether they plan to join the one-day or two-day route.

Closing

The club again thanked Donna and Chris for hosting the meeting. The meeting concluded with Split the Pot and informal discussion.



Passing of OVAHC member.

It is with a sad heart we give the news of the passing of Judy Chamberlain. She is a founding member of OVAHC as is her surviving husband, Bill Chamberlain.

Judy was a Registered Nurse, airplane pilot sailboat captain, and helped to form a "Kids4Peace" branch in Cincinnati.

About twenty members of the OVAHC attended her celebration of life at the Cedars of Lebanon Chapel - Spring Grove Cemetery on Monday, July 6, 2026.

We even had two Healeys driven there in the heat. Bob & Pat Duffey and Dale & Sandy Ballinger arrived in their British cars in honor of Judy.

Judy will be greatly missed. Rest in peace.



Drivers Training 2026



Ohio Valley Austin – Healey Club

Driver's Training / Gymkhana 2026

Gymkhana Dates:

Registration 9 to 10AM Live Oaks—Milford, OH 5966 Buckwheat Rd., Milford OH 45150

Aug 1 (Saturday)

- 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.

jake.jacobs@fuse.net or check our web site: www.OhioValleyAHC.com

CALENDAR 2026

August 1—Gymkhana

August 1—British Car Show, Dayton, OH

August 22—Bellefountain Hill Climb

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

September 17-20-Southeast Classic

October—weekend drive

October 10-Fall Driving Tour

May 2-4, 2027—MAC in Madison, IN

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

MEETINGS 2026 (so far)

August: Cox

September: Ben Grabow

October :Parrott's ?

November: Joe Yannone

December 9: Christmas

CAUGHT IN THE ACT



On the fishing trip mentioned in the minutes, this is the “tree pounder” that Bernie caught. Dale saved it for Bernie and brought it to the meeting to present. It is currently in a place of honor in our garden.

COUCOURS D'ELEGANCE, June 14, 2025 ✓

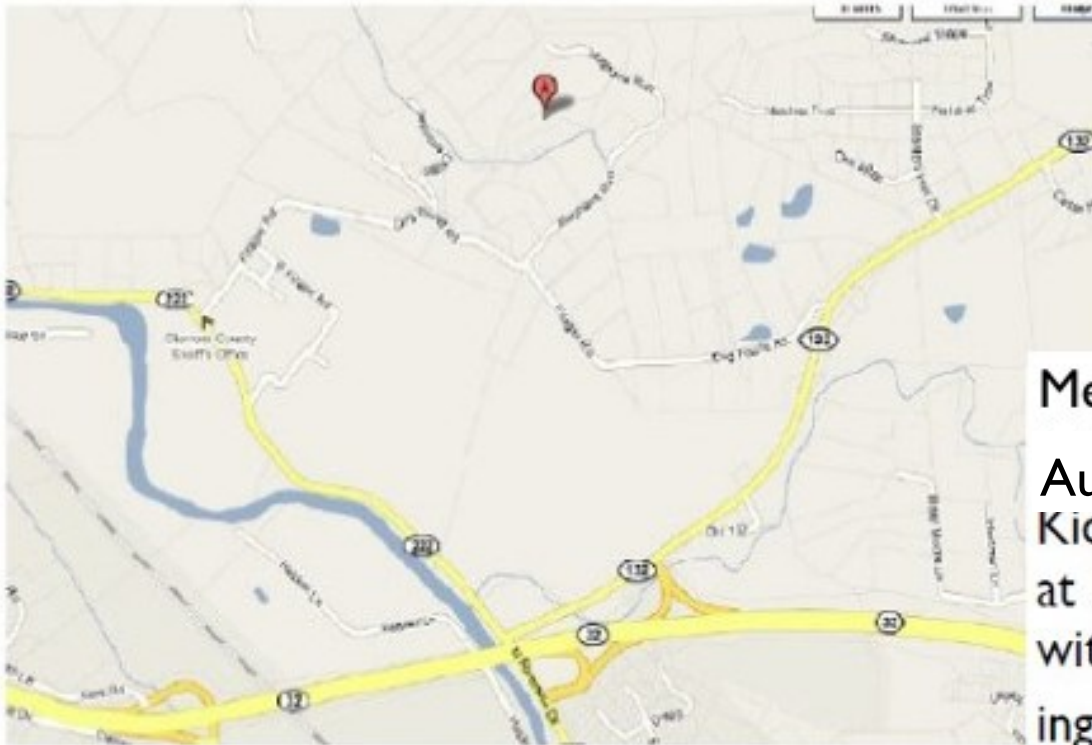


Juliettes June 24



Welcome Dale and
Sandy's new Healey

AUGUST MEETING



Meeting on
August 15
Kick tires
at 1:00
with meet-
ing at 2:00.

Meeting on Saturday August 15 Kick tires at 1:00 with meeting at 2:00. Bring folding chairs, please.
Charleen and Jerry Cox
4571 Megan's Run Batavia, OH 45103-1224

Use your GPS but watch out for construction: If all else fails, follow detour for Route 132 NORTH and then turn left onto Filager Road, then right on Megan's Way to house # 4571 and look for the British flag.

S.R. 132/222 Roundabout - At the route's junction immediately north of S.R. 32 in Batavia. Retaining wall construction is under way, and traffic is being maintained on temporary and existing pavement on both routes in 11-foot lanes. The intersection has been closed, and northbound S.R. 132 traffic will be detoured via S.R. 32 East and the loops at Bauer Road to S.R. 32 West and the S.R. 132 interchange. Southbound S.R. 132 will be detoured via S.R. 32 West and the Olive Branch-Stonelick Road interchange to S.R. 32 East and the S.R. 132 interchange. S.R. 222 traffic will be detoured via U.S. 50, S.R. 132 and the overlapping detours on S.R. 32. The entire project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2024.

If you are coming from the north, you may consider using Route 450 exit # 59B to Route 50 to 222 south.
Then turn left on Filager Road just before the Clermont County Jail, then left on Megan's Run. This keeps you away from Route 32.

If coming from the south, you may just have to use exit # 63 B from I- 275 at Route 32 and follow the detour signs.

Proud Healeys - Rollin' on the River



The Central Indiana Austin Healey Club is proudly hosting the Mid-American Classic in the historic town of Madison, Indiana, on the banks of the picturesque Ohio River.

Dates: May 2 – 4, 2027

Bring your pride and proud Healeys to the Best Small Town in the Midwest, as voted by USA Today readers.

The host hotel is the Fairfield Inn, once a cotton mill, now a remarkably restored building with scenic views of the Ohio River. Next door is the esteemed Picker House, the location of Hospitality, the Silent Auction, and the Banquet.

Planned activities include a Sunday night Welcome Reception, the Car Show with the Ohio River as a backdrop, a Silent Auction, Hospitality, an Awards Banquet, a Road Rallye, and other events one expects at a MAC event.

We are thrilled to use the remarkable driving routes planned by Reverie Roads. See the video link below.

Website address (check later for registration and regalia information)
<http://ciahc.org/midamericaclassic.html>

Reverie Roads video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bga0rif7aWo>



Southeastern Classic
XXXIX

Southeastern Classic 2026 September 17-20, 2026

198 : 18 : 21 : 35

days

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seconds

Dahlonega, Georgia



[Registration - Southeastern Classic XXXIX](#)

FOR SALE



Dave Blevens, a long time OVAHC member, due to some health problems is downsizing and letting some of his treasures go to a new home.

This is a Nasty Boy that came from Gene Schunk's collection sometime around 1990-ish.

It is a Roadster 60/61 this is a Ford V8 that came out of a Sunbeam Tiger. It has the markings on the intake and valve covers.

Dave drove it from Gene's to its current dry resting place.

I (Jake) was involved in the purchase and can vouch that it is a very solid, clean and a good swap.

Gene did not have any junk. Car is in Hamilton.... Dave is asking \$10,000.

Call Emily Blevens (Dave's Niece) 937.538.9740

Or Jake Jacobs 513.509.6038

FOR SALE



For Sale:

1974 Jensen - Healey 95,000 miles

4 cyl 2000 cc DOHC Lotus engine

4 speed manual trans

Show and AutoX winner

First \$ 8,888 takes it!

Dale Ballinger

859-384-1345

cell 859-8187-4785

FOR SALE

Mid America Classic Road Rallye: Hills, Dales, and Austin-Healeys

The Monday, June 8 Mid America Classic Road Rallye was a resounding success! Twenty-seven cars took to the beautiful, winding, and tree-covered lanes of the historic Fort Ancient area. A beautiful, sunny, and dry morning allowed us to kick off our first full day of activities.

The back road route launched from the hotel and quickly escaped into the countryside. Navigating a roundabout, the route wound directly through downtown Lebanon, Ohio, passing right by the historic Golden Lamb. A midway pit-stop at the Morrow Arts Center allowed drivers and navigators a chance to pause, stretch their legs, and explore the shops inside the interestingly converted former school building.



Continuing across the Little Miami River, our Healeys cruised past Fort Ancient and across an impressive modern covered bridge. The route finished in the famous town of Waynesville, leading right into the Stonehouse Tavern parking lot. The lineup of stunning British classics and BJ9s along the US 42 fence was remarkable. Blessed with a nice breeze, cold beer, and delicious food on the deck, everyone enjoyed a wonderful lunch.

The Results

Competition was tight, with twenty cars returning rallye sheets to vie for three pairs of prizes.

- **3rd Place: David and Nancy Powell (Mid-Ohio AHC)**
Six cars missed only two answers, forcing a tiebreaker based on the question: "How many times did you cross the Little Miami Bike Trail?" With the correct answer of "four," the Powells claimed third.
- **2nd Place: Gayle and Cindy Loos (OVAHC)**
Only two Healeys managed to find all answers minus one. The tiebreaker placed Gayle and Cindy securely in second.
- **1st Place: Tim and Bobbi Ross (Ohio Valley AHC)**
The dynamic duo conquered the course to take home the grand prize!

A Note from the Rallye Masters

Co-Rallye Master Scott Brown and I want to thank everyone for being such great sports and for expressing your appreciation. It is always a joy to share the opportunity to discover more "Healey roads," as I like to call them.

We also extend our gratitude to the M.A.C. committee for trusting Scott and me to create an exciting challenge. We are already looking forward to more adventures in the future.

See ya "down the road,"
Dale Ballinger

