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Call to order about 2:30 p.m. at the Jeff Porada and Nancy Bacon home in Mason, Ohio on Saturday, March 11, 2017 by President Dick Sippel. He thanked Jeff and Nancy for hosting (applause). About thirty members were attending. New members, Karen and Adam Higgason stood and talked about



the 1954 AH-100 they own. They have previously been in the Miami Valley AHC but are with us now to have some fun in the sun. He has done the driver's training at Live Oaks in the past in his Miata. (applause) We approved the February minutes with no corrections and Dick called for reports from the officers.

President Dick, VP Jerry, Secretary Dale, membership Sandy, and Editor Mary Ann had no report. Historian Judy and Activities activator Skip were away. Treasurer Cindy gave her report. She paid the bills, collected and forwarded AHCA dues, deposited Mainstrasse sponsor funds, and our balance is good.

Tech director Tim Ross reported there was one session to report. It was on 2/20 at Brown's garage for installing a power brake booster and a new gas tank on his BT7 roadster. Tomorrow 3/12 is a gathering at Nate Fuson's wood / Healey shop for installation of rear lights, rear wiring harness, gas tank and other things. Call Tim Ross to request Healey car help via phone at 513-528-3232, or email him.



Delegate Don Klein reported the OVAHC web site had 31 visits last week alone. At the leadership meeting with the AHCA in Louisville, they re-



Minutes, continued

ported on their progress in digitizing old issues of the Healey Marque. If you want more details of that meeting, contact him. Don revealed that Hagarty Insurance is helping to sponsor Conclave again, and offering free 50 mile towing to registrants if they need it.

Business manager Jake has six drivers' training dates. He along with Dale and Skip talked to Hueston Woods to investigate a site for September Roundup in 2018. Next meeting will be with the Hilton in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. The Duffey and the Jacobs families are registered and planning on driving their Healeys to Conclave in Waco. Scott volunteered to help CIAHC Jim Frakes get his big Healey there. The Texas group has an interesting 2017 Conclave video on you-tube, so please look for it.

The Activities report was given by Jake. The April 22 Think Spring drive with Kurt Niemeyer is now a charity event. Skip will collect our minimum \$5 donation / registration per person for the David Kreuter Memorial Education Fund when you arrive. Kurt gave a detailed report. Skip has many other activities planned for 2017, so check the OVAHC calendar for details. May 18 weekend is Springthing in Bardstown, Ky near Makers Mark. We have several folks going.

Jake and Skip are planning a "Club Drive and Shooting Event" to Premier Shooting and Training Center near Tri County. Maybe afterward a drive to the Cone for ice cream in West Chester. We would drive to the range, rent a couple of dedicated lanes, start with a 30 min to 45 min hands on Introduction to firearms/handling and gun safety from one of the staff instructors (probably a female), shoot targets and have lunch in a private room. Jake will bring a small assortment of guns in different calibers for sampling and/or bring your own and/or rent one of your choosing from Premier. The range will support calibers up to 30.06. The cost would be around \$20 each, plus whatever ammo and targets you consume. Goal is to provide an opportunity to shoot and learn in a safe and non-threatening environment with friends. A date and more details to come..

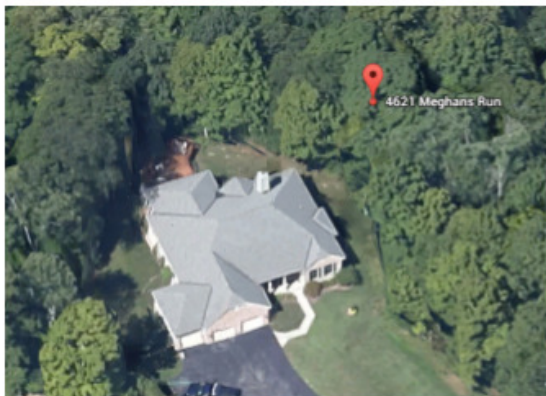
No old business. New business: Since Scott Brown has a new gas tank on his BT7 roadster, he wants to give his old, non-leaking, only slightly rusted tank away for free. The next meeting just happens to be there, at the home of Scott and Eileen Brown near Batavia on Monday, April 10. The directions and the times will be in the Newsleak. Dick thanked Jeff and Nancy for hosting (applause) and adjourned about 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by OVAHC Secretary
Dale Ballinger "at your service"

New members, Karen and Adam Higgason



April meeting—Brown's



This is an aerial view of Scott's house from Google. Thought it might make it easier to find the house...and thought I would try to do this in the future. Some houses I will be able to get a street view (this one I could not)..

April meeting at Scott & Eileen Brown's.
4621 Meghans Run
Batavia, Ohio

DIRECTIONS: (East side of town)

Destination will
be on the left

Take exit number 63 and get on Route 32
east towards Batavia and drive for 5.2
miles
Take the OH-132/OH-222 exit for Batavia
Turn right onto OH-132 North /OH-222
North for only 0.1 mile
Turn right to stay on OH-132 North for 0.9
mile
Turn left onto Filager Road and go 0.7 mile
Turn right onto Meghans Run and go 0.6
mile
4621 Meghans Run, Batavia, OH 45103 is
on the left ahead

April 10
Kick tires at 7:00—Meeting at 8:00



DEB vintage motorworks and the website is www.debvm.com. We specialize in foreign but also do domestic vintage restorations. We also do maintenance and repairs on vintage autos. (Jeff Porada's business)

Caught in the Act



OVAHC members fishing on Lake Erie last August.
L to r; Tim Silver, Bob Duffey, Jake Jacobs, Jeff Loewe, Tim Ross. Jeff Loewe photo.

Picture courtesy of Kurt Niemeyer who says he did not get his fish sandwich as promised...does this mean there was no fish?

Conclave 2017—Waco Texas

We can't wait to see you in Waco, Texas, July 9-14, 2017. Be sure to check out the Special Guests and their Special Cars that will be featured in the January 2017 issue of Healey Marque.

To register and pay by check, fill in the registration form (in Newsleak). To register and pay on line with a credit card, use healeyclub.org/conclave and select Conclave 2017. A lot of thought and analysis goes into planning a Conclave. We've been working to make the 2017 AHCA Conclave a unique and special event by combining exciting and new with tried and true.

Bonnie Ayer
2017 AHCA Conclave Chair
210.213.4177

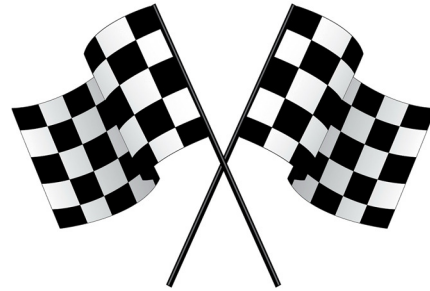
NEW MEMBERS! Name badges for new members, or for any club member who does not have one, or got too much grease on theirs, are going to be ordered at the end of the month. Don't wait, or you may forget!!! Send your name the way you want it spelled, to Ken Kreuter. Email is kkreuter@fuse.net, or call or text 513-560-1397. Do it now so you have it for the driving season!

Calendar for 2017

April 29.....Chatfield College, St. Martin, OH—quilt/craft/car show
 May 13 (sat).....Meeting at Grabows—I:00
 May 18,-20.....Bluegrass Club Springthing—Bourbon Trail (this news-leak)
 May 20.....British Car Museum—Dayton, Ohio—Car show
 May 21.....Coney Island—Amusement Park—CCSM Car Show
 June 11.....Concours d'Elegance—Ault Park
 June 17 (Saturday).....Drivers Training—Gymkhana
 July 1 (Saturday).....Drivers Training—Gymkhana LADIES DAY
 July 18.....Glendale, OH, Shop/eat & car show
 July 2.....Rising Sun, IN, Shop/eat & Car Show
 July 8.....Ice Cream Social & Drive (Natl Car Collector Day)
 July 8.....British Car Day, Cincinnati
 July 9.....Conclave—Waco, TX (Registration in January newsletter)
 July 15.....Keeneland Concours d'Elegance www.keenelandconcours.com
 July 23 (Sunday).....Drivers Training—Gymkhana
 July 23.....Rollin on the Rive—Car Show, Fernbank Park
 August 5.....Dayton, Ohio car show
 August 12.....Indianapolis, IN, Car show/shipping/eating & drinks
 August 19.....Miami town, OH Car show & historic tour
 August 20.....Covington, KY—Mainstrasse car s how
 August 27.....Put-In-Bay, OH Vintage Races
 September 2 (Saturday).....Drivers Training—Gymkhana
 September 3.....Coney Island—Amusement park rides/swim car show
 September 14—17.....Mohican State Park Perrysville, OH www.mohicanstateparklodge.com
 1.800.282.7275 Ask for Healey rates
 October 8.....Spring Grove Cemetery—car show and tour
 October 11&15.....Dale Hollow State Resort Park two overnight stops for back roads route
 October 12-15.....S.E. Classic Atlanta AHC Show at Lake Guntersville, www.atlantahealeys.org
 October 28 (Saturday)..... Drivers Training—Gymkhana

Ovahc drivers training

April 8 (Saturday)
June 17 (Saturday)
July 1 (Saturday) Ladies Day
July 23 (Sunday)
Sept. 2 (Saturday)
October 28 (Saturday)



Location: Live Oak Vocational School - 5956 B- Rain or Shine
Buckwheat Road - Milford, OH 45150-2287. Exit # 57 from 1-275 and go north-east on Route 28. (towards Blanchester) use the bypass - Right on Buckwheat Road (@Circle K gas station) this is the nearest rest room and store.

Time: The main gate opens before 9:00 AM. Registration is the first 20 cars with up to 25 drivers. The maximum is usually reached BEFORE 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: \$25.00 per Driver - Max - 25 drivers - spectators free! - Rain or Shine
Everyone will be required to sign a waiver and all drivers are required to work the course when not driving. Bring chairs and a cooler; there is shade available. No alcohol.

Required Equipment: A safe/functioning car (we will inspect it) any make or model, the cooler the better; Helmets are required for drivers and passengers. There are usually loaners available.

Goal: "Fun & Family Oriented Gymkhana" Meaning - street legal tires driven to the event only (no tire changing is allowed); No trailered cars unless they are vintage European or Japanese. We may give out awards for improvement over the day i.e., training.

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 and ask that the exhaust system 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!

Questions call the Committee: Jake Jacobs (beancounter) 513-858-3071; Don Klein (Track Master) 513-895-2624; Skip Jackson (Equipment Master) -513-720-7547 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

DO NOT BE THE LAST MOHICAN!!

The 2017 September Roundup will be held at the Mohican State Park, Perrysville, Ohio. There is a limited number of rooms, so get your reservation by calling 419-938-5411, ask for the Austin-Healey block of rooms. Save over \$200 total. Arrive Thursday 9/14, check out Sunday 9/17. Registration forms and caravan info for the event will be out later.

Skip Jackson is coordinating activities for 2017 and he is looking for ideas. Contact him if you want to plan a trip, or have a great activity in mind for the club!

Our club is planning a drive to October event. We are stopping for the night—both coming and going—at Dale Hollow State Park in KY. Reservations can be made at Lake Gunthersville AL (ask for special Atlanta AHC price and also at Dale Hollow, but the registration form for the event is not available yet. Several of us have already signed up to go...join us for the 2 day drive!

Tech sessions

The Tech Team of Bernie Grabow, Dale Ballinger, Richard Pratt, Tim Ross, Skip Jackson, and Jerry Cox arrived at Brown's garage 9:30 Monday, February 20 ready for the challenges of installing a power brake booster and a new gas tank on a BT7 roadster.

The brake booster installation went without too many (the servo and its modified brackets were previously installed with the help of Jerry Cox to save some time). The new larger master cylinder installed fairly quickly with only a few dropped wrenches and the two new brake lines were bent and installed except for brake union fitting I had to join two lines was the wrong type. Jerry Cox and Dale went out to scour for the needed part with Dale getting to see more of Clermont County than he wanted to see.

Work had already been progressing on removing to old gas tank with its content OD 3/4 tank of gas (my bad). We filled a 6 gallon gas can and two 2 gallon cans. Since one of the previous owners has welded sheet metal under the supposed to be open tank sump, the location of the gas tank drain was carefully measured and a hole was cut so that the tank drain could be accessed from beneath the car - the hole was neatly filled with a rubber jack plug from a Bugeye. The new rubber gasket that should go under the gas tank to seal the sump area, raised the tank too high to make the fuel line connection so gasket was not used and the rubber mat that was under the old tank was used again as the sump area was sealed anyway. New tank straps were installed and we were ready to fill the tank with gas using a donated pant hose from Eileen stretched over a funnel to filter the rust particles from the old tank.

After the brake lines were finished and brakes bled, the only thing left to do was - go for a ride and test the new brakes! Richard climbed in the passenger seat and off we went - the brakes were great!!! I even locked up the back brakes in a somewhat hard stop.

Thanks to everyone for all the work (and the great social time doing it)!
Scott

Tech session

On Sunday, March 12, the OVAHC tech team met at Nate's garage/shop for more reassembly of his Sprite. Ben and Bernie worked on installing the rear lights, Gayle and Richard bent tubing for the brake system, Tim and John worked on wiring and installing the headlights. Nate got everyone tools, parts, coffee, donuts, and later Subway sandwiches, soft drinks and beer – what a great host. And we even had plenty of heat in his garage on a cold day. Around noon, Chris Wolfer DROVE over in his “new” Sprite to help. The car helped a lot, since we used it to see where to run the brake tubing, fuel lines, and wiring. Bernie and others also installed a new fuel tank and pump. Nate is putting almost



all new parts on the Sprite and it is looking better all the time. He could probably use one or more working horns though. Still plenty of fun left for other participants, the next tech session will probably be in a few weeks – always on a Sunday for Nate.



Meetings 2017

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN APRIL, JUNE, JULY AND NOVEMBER

April—Scott & Eileen Brown
May—Bernie & Mary Ann Grabow
June—Ashley & John Jacobs
July—Jerry & Charlene Cox

August—Wolfer (picnic)
September Loos
October—Parrotts (bonfire)
November—Julie King
December—Ben Grabow & Jenny—
Christmas party



Name _____

Guest _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Car 1 _____ Car 2 _____

Club Affiliation _____

Is this your first SpringThing? YES NO

_____ Registration - \$65 (includes two adults)

_____ Maker's Mark Tour/Experience and Dinner - \$50 (per person)

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Bluegrass Austin-Healey Club

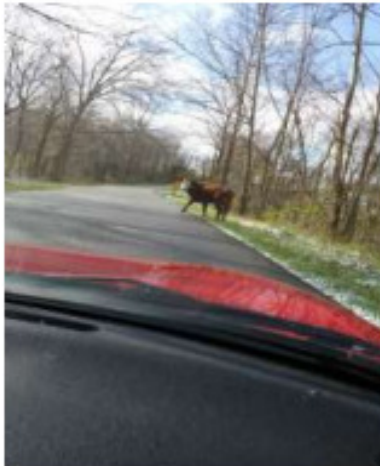
Mail registration and payment to:

Mike Schneider
3416 Barbour Lane
Louisville, KY 40241

HOST HOTEL - Room rate \$100+ (request Austin-Healey Club rooms)

Hampton Inn - Lebanon, Kentucky
1125 Loretto Road
Lebanon, KY 40033
(270) 699-2000

For more information visit,
www.BluegrassClub.com or
email Ben.Moore@mac.com or call
(502) 797-5652.



Saturday, April 22
should stop and fill up just before you arrive here
check in at 7:30 AM begins event
first car out at 9:00 AM

\$5 per person donation for Kreuter Education
Fund

Healeys leave together and drive their own route
Party afterwards at Jungle Jim's Eastgate Store

Take I-275 in Ohio

Take exit 65 to Ohio 125 (aka Ohio Pike or
Beechmont Ave)

Head east for 3.2 miles

turn left on Bach Buxton Road

.5 miles ahead on the right is the driveway to our
campus

Visitor parking is on the right side of the build-
ing.

APRIL 22, 2017

CORSA CLERMONT

Spring Classic Driving Tour

The 5th annual scenic driving tour will explore Clermont County's ridges and valleys on roads that will remind you why you bought an Austin Healey. Challenging and scenic roads will take you to the banks of the mighty Ohio River, past historic sites, to charming villages for "Walk About" time. Starting with a Coffee & Cars type morning, a Grand Departure, Driving Tour, and finishing with a Cruise In and Reception. This year your entry supports the David Kreuter Memorial Fund. Gas it and Go with your Austin Healey Club friends for fun with cars on Saturday April 22, 2017.

Get the inside line on this and all events Austin Healey at
www.ohiovalleyahc.com.

**Register now on
with Skip**

**Jackson.skip@yahoo.
com**

**Event site opens at
7:30 am**

First Car Out 9 am

**American Modern
Insurance Group
7000 Midland Blvd,
Amelia Ohio.**

**Finish with a Cruise
In and Reception**

2-5 pm.

**Jungle Jim's Paradise
Pavilion, 4450 Eastgate
South Drive.**



Minimum \$5 donation per person to be collected at the drive by Skip