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Newsleak



August 12 Minutes

September 2017

OVAHC August Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 2:40 PM at the home of Donna and Chris Wolfer on Saturday, August 12 by President Dick Sippel. He thanked Chris and Donna for hosting. (applause) Almost forty members were attending.



AUGUST PICNIC/MEETING 2017

New members Eric and Connie Fischer from Hamilton and Dennis Lindauer from Walton were attending. Dennis has a 59 ½ Bugeye. The Klein great grandchildren were there enjoying the wonderful swimming pool.

President Dick is writing an article describing his favorite Healey ride near home. He has invited fellow members to submit theirs to Mary Ann, too. Vice President Jerry, Tech Director Tim, and Historian Judy were away. Secretary Dale had no report. Editor Mary Ann asked if everyone got the Texas Conclave edition okay.

Treasurer Cindy gave her report. She paid the bill for the trophies for Mainstrasse and our balance is good. She made deposits for three OVAHC gymkhanas and three sponsors which Ken Kreuter arranged for the Mainstrasse show. Don Klein asked for two brooms for cleaning the gymkhana courses. It was motioned, seconded, and approved by a vote.

Tech reports were given. Bob Minton had two of his gauges fixed. Jake said there was group that helped Tom Hall in moving his tools to Jeff Porada's business near Cincinnati Gardens. The car collection move is yet to happen. The team which installed the lift will be asked to help move it to Bob Duffey's home. Tech sessions beginning at 9:30 AM on 8/15 for Fischer in Hamilton and 8/19 for Chris Wolfer in Alexandria are planned. Bernie Grabow wondered if we need a bore-a-scope, but Scott Brown already has ordered one for himself. (Maybe we can borrow it or have him show us how it works) Call Tim Ross to request Healey car help via phone at 513-528-3232, or email him.

Delegate Don Klein had no delegate news, but reported the OVAHC web site has about 40 hits a week. Jake attended the delegates meeting in Texas at Conclave and reported on the 2018 Conclave. He is very becoming instrumental with the AHCA by helping organize future Conclaves. Our club is running the gymkhana for the July 15-20 French Lick Conclave in 2018.

Business Manager Jake gave a very detailed summary of the plans for hosting the Mainstrasse show on Sunday, August 20. Dale reminded everyone that this is a OVAHC fund raiser and we need all hands on deck. You are welcome to register your car, but we would rather you did not. We do not want to change the complexion of the show and want to be as objective as possible in our judging. Setup will be at 7:00 AM. Please plan to arrive some time during the morning as we need a minimum of 2 dozen workers from our club. Jake gave a detailed report on the recent purchase of "The Winners Circle" by Jeff Porada. This is a Sprite parts company. As part of the deal, Jeff will now be a Moss Distributor. You will be able to order through him in the near future once he gets his arms around the

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business. He is moving the inventory from Cleveland next week and the phone number will stay the same as it has been. I'm sure the club members will get preferred pricing on all their parts needs in addition to helping Jeff out by buying through him.

Activities activator Skip has caravan plans for September Roundup and the Southeast Classic. Next weekend on Saturday 8/19, there is a \$10 Cincinnati Caledonians' Corn Roast featuring food, bagpipes, and Scotch! Located in Newtown. Skip has many other activities planned for 2017, so check the OVAHC calendar for details.

Dale welcomed Skip back from his surgery. (applause)

Old business: Jake is collecting funds owed to him by those who attended the Premier Shooting Event. Contact him with any questions. Tom Hall has an 18 foot trailer available for our club to borrow.

New business: Dale introduced a new idea for the offices of President and Vice President. He wanted to know if we could have two-year terms starting in 2019. That would eliminate the need to beg folks to come forward every single year. Skip made the proposal, seconded, and approved by majority vote.

Officer nominations were then held. Dale nominated the team of John Jacobs IV and Jeff Porada for Vice President for 2018. Don is running for delegate for 2018. He gave a speech and answered questions about the position for about 10 minutes. (If you need to know every word of what is said at these meetings, please attend as I do not do dictation.)


We will have a **paper ballot vote** election at the September meeting for delegate between incumbent Don Klein and challenger Jerry Spurlock. Jerry will be invited to give his speech at the September meeting. The rest of the slate is the same as now.

Meeting places for 2018 were awarded. January Fischer, February Jackson, March Wallace, April John and Ashley Jacobs, May Grabow, June Jeff Porada and Nancy Bacon, July Cox, August picnic Wolfers, September Loos, October bonfire Parrott, November Sippel, December Christmas party will possibly be at a hall or restaurant.

The next meeting is at the home of Cindy and Gayle Loos on Saturday, September 9 at 1:00 PM for tyre kicking and 2:00 PM for the meeting. The complete details will be in the Newsleak. Dick thanked Donna and Chris for hosting (applause) and adjourned about 4:00 p.m. and then we had **"the great cookout of 2017"**.

Submitted by OVAHC Secretary



 First Open Class '66 & later
in
Class
Dale Ballinger

For Sale:

1974 Jensen - Healey 75 k miles
4 cyl 2000 cc DOHC Lotus engine
4 speed manual trans
Show and AutoX winner
First \$ 9,999 takes it!
Dale Ballinger
859-384-1345

NEW MEMBER!

We are excited to share the news that our family is going to grow by one!!! The newest OVAHC member will be arriving in March 2018. Congratulations John & Ashley Jacobs!



NEW HEALEY MEMBER • MARCH 2018!

TECH SESSION REPORTS



8/15 At Eric Fisher's, we changed the rear wheel/axle bearings. Of course there were two hub nuts that would not spin off, and once the nuts were rounded, we had to revert (again!) to penetrating oil, drills, chisels, and finally a torch for removal. Thanks to all who had the patience, tools, and skills. The tech team included Eric (never wear a white T-shirt) Fischer, Richard Pratt, Gayle Loos, Bob Merten, Bernie Grabow, Don Klein (with Grandchildren), Tim Ross and a nice appearance by Skip Jackson, who is recovering well from heart surgery. Eric was prepared for the tech team with parts, coffee, pizza and beer.



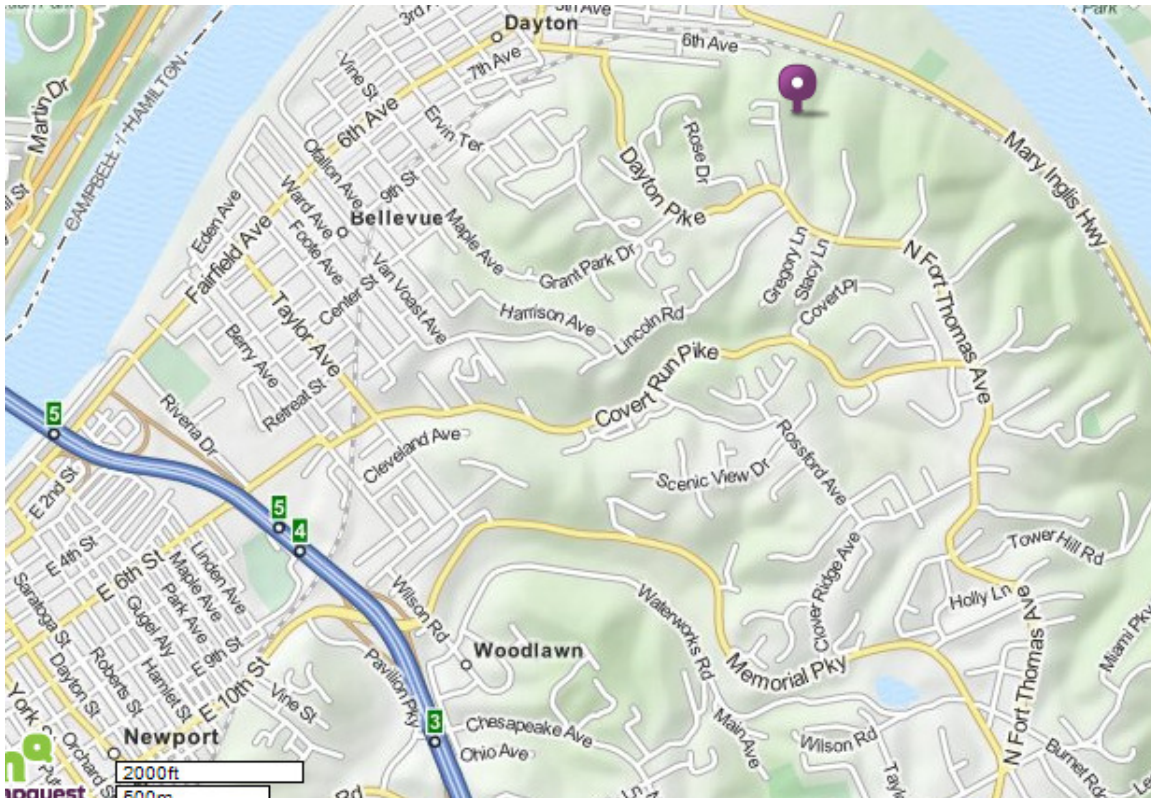
The Tech team worked on Chris Wolfer's square bodied Sprite on Sat. The pictures tell most of the story. The plan was to hook up all the new Hoses to the radiator & then install the new Spin on oil filter Adapter, next came the new Alternator. The Voltage Regulator was removed and after reading the instructions

it was installed in a non - functioning capacity. The tests started when we touched the cable to the battery post and smoke arose from the Regulator area. Apparently leaving the ground wire connected caused a bit of smoke to escape. Unfortunately we didn't get a photo of the smoke. After correcting that, the next step was to start her up. The new modern starter cranked the motor over easily, however as there was no spark to the plugs it wouldn't run. As is common with British cars while sitting idle for a couple of months the wire from the Ignition Switch to the Coil quit working, but a quick jumper to the coil let the machine start and run to the owner's delight. Another session will be planned for later.



SEPTEMBER MEETING 9/9

Meeting at Cindy and Gayle Loos'. 1:00 to kick tires and 2:00 for the meeting.



Memorial Parkway exit from I471 and go East towards Ft Thomas. Left on Clover Ridge and Left at the end of the road on N Ft. Thomas Avenue. Wind around on N. Ft. Thomas to Rt on Broadview...78 Broadview. Call 513-260-3964 if you get lost.

Thursday, September 14 OVAHC caravan to September Roundup

Meet at West Chester Home Depot behind Bob Evans off I-75 at 10:15 AM.

Take exit # 22 for Tylersville Road and go east 1 / 4 mile.

Then turn left at the light by Bob Evans and park in the Home Depot lot.

Arrive an hour early if you need to eat there.

We will depart at 10:30 and use back roads.

Lunch at a great spot half way up.

Call Skip at 513-720-7547 with any questions.

SEPTEMBER ROUNDUP CARAVAN



SPRINGTHING MISSING DAY 5/18

Day 1: Thursday, 5-18-2017

--> Dale and Gayle on Parallel Trails...and, Channeling Gene Rayburn <--

12:35 pm and...we're off! Over hill 'n dale ('n Gayle) on high roads, curvy roads and low roads.

This caravan of 6 Healeys + 2 BJ9s were ready to be one with the back roads. Anticipating both journey and destination: Gayle and Cindy Loos, leading in their blue BJ8, John and Janet Parrott cool-cruising in their black/white racing-striped Jensen, Scott and Eileen Brown nicely seated in their blue/white BJ7, John and Lauren Wallace classy in their brg BN6, Jake and Joyce Jacobs in their swift-moving Fiero, and Bob and Pat Duffey with needed comfort in their Ford SUV.

We headed south on US 27, tops down, with just-right breezes under a canopy of pale blue, sunny sky (so much for all-day rain reports). Massive cotton candy-fluffed clouds filtered sizzling sun rays. We fortunately dodged threats of down-pours as we skirted over evidence of wet roads and puddling water, assuring us of a gratefully-missed rainfall. Gayle's later departure and near nonstop tour routed us through scenic horse country (lots of statuesque equines grazing in lush emerald pastures) on Iron Works Pike near Lexington. Then an extended tour, and finally back onto an elusive short stretch of SR 33 to the Scenic Byway US 68 south to Lebanon, "The Heart of Kentucky and Crossroads of the Bourbon Trail".

Dale's earlier departing tour, led by our Club Activities Activator, Skip Jackson, headed due south on US 127, stopping for lunch/refreshments in Harrodsburg, and continuing on US 68 to the Lebanon Hampton Inn. Their caravan: Skip Jackson in his red/white Bugeye "Happy", Bernie and Mary Ann Grabow in their blue/white BJ8 and Dale and Sandy Ballinger in their red Jensen. Both caravans happily escaped roadside automotive challenges, an accomplishment that elicits silent sighs of relief.

No tricky pistons, capacitors or bodies diving headfirst under the bonnet...this time.

So it was time for that lively greeting from our Bluegrass hosts as we were treated to their special brand of Derby City hospitality. Their reputation precedes them, and like Secretariat, the Bluegrass AH Club surpasses the 1 1/4 mile record in warmth, hospitality and entertainment know-how. Presented with a generous array of sweet and savory snacks and libations, followed by regional faves--smoked pulled pork barbecue, very tasty complementing sides—we topped it all off with sweets, hot and cold beverages to get the party rolling.

Our evening Funkhana was a relax-in-your-seat game show competition inspired by The Match Game's double entendre question-answer format. Completing the game-play hype, our well-seasoned emcee/ host, Ben Moore, expertly directed the game, playing the show's theme music with precise timing. Competition consisted of 5 already-seated "contestant" team tables. Emcee Ben introduced the infamous, dubiously distinctive "celebrity" panelists of 5: Past AHCA President and Ralleye God, Gary Brierton, the notorious Canadians, John Lomax and Gerry Cossette, and, potentially, the more (but not entirely) grounded of the group, Robbie Cook and Cliff Hudgins. No surprise that team answers skirted the near naughty and definitely naughty to attempt matching panelists' responses. An example, bringing lots of guffaws and rolled eyes, answers censored (use your own levels of imagination and imported replies): "Dumb Dora was so dumb, she thought the ship's port hole was a"

Anyway, Team 2 managed to match enough of the sophomoric responses, the latter likely enhanced by Mistery Bud, M. Mark, J. Beam, Weller, et others, to prevail above stiff competition. Emcee Ben presented each Team 2 contestant with a "Winner" blue ribbon and mega-sized inflatable Champion-emblazoned trophy. Here's a taste of the game show fun for the reader: "If Team Dale had won

possession of the golden inflatable urn, Team Dale would have put it....." It was Funkhana hilarity of a highly good time had by all!

We can only hope the Bluegrass folks maintain this tradition of outside the box and out of this world Funkhanas! Our SpringThing Day 1 intro set the tone for anticipation of more fun and touring ahead with these exceptional Louisvillians, and the Healeys that bond us all.

Caught in the Act

You know it is
British when you
have to
decide which tools
to leave home



Recreation—shirt fits a little better...hair shrinking a bit. Ben Grabow at British Car Days, Dayton, Ohio 2017

Meetings 2017

September 9 - Loos

October—Parrotts (bonfire)

November—Julie King

December—Ben Grabow & Jenny—Christmas party

Calendar for 2017

September 2 (Saturday).....Drivers Training—Gymkhana

September 3.....Coney Island—Amusement park rides/swim car show

September 9 (Saturday)....Meeting @ Loos'

September 14—17.....Mohican State Park Perryville,

OH www.mohicanstateparklodge.com

1.800.282.7275 Ask for Healey rates

October 7.....Bonfire and Meeting at Parrotts

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 Gun-

tersville, www.atlantahealeys.org

October 28 (Saturday)..... Drivers Training—Gymkhana

Ross' visit to Healey Museum in Amsterdam



Bobbi and I joined the Utah Miata Club on a Viking river cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest. Since the cruise started in Amsterdam, we first went to the Healey Museum in Vreeland, south of Amsterdam. The day we were there, the English Austin Healey Club was there, too, with about a dozen big Healeys. We were able to join their event – Healey Meets Zandvoort – a buffet supper at the Museum. What a treat! We first verified that the OVAHC grill badge was on display and had our picture taken with the Museum's founder, Hans van de Kerkhof.

Hans is a great character. Besides organizing the best Austin Healey museum and foundation for future preservation, he has raced (vintage) a Healey at LeMans and showed us the in-car video. The museum has a prototype Healey 4000 (with Rolls Royce engine), Gerry Coker's drafting tools, a replica of Geoff Healey's office, and an extensive collection of many different Healeys, plus at least a half million Healey models, knick-knacks and miscellaneous items. This was a Christmas-like treat for us two Healey fans!



Activities Report—Dayton Car Show



Ben Grabow—Winning First Place...keeping up the Grabow Tradition!



Spurlocks winning!



Bernie Award of Excellence



OVAHC drivers training

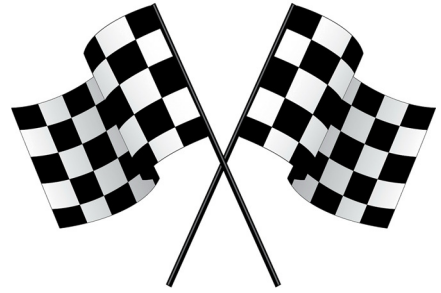
Sept. 2 (Saturday)

October 28 (Saturday)

Location: Live Oak Vocational School - 5956 B-Rain or Shine

Buckwheat Road - Milford, OH 45150-2287. Exit # 57 from I-275 and go northeast 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

SLICK 2017 OVAHC Drivers' Training

Mr. Whoa: Sunday, July 23, was the third Drivers' Training of the 2017 season at Live Oaks Vocational in Milford, OH. Although we thought we'd dodged the bullet with rain-free forecasts until late afternoon, Ma Nature had other plans. Clouds rolled in and we got wet. Like a perfect skid pad right out of Mid-Ohio Drivers' Training 101.

Ms. Go: "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on Our Heads" was the theme throughout our autocross day. However, raindrops did not dampen spirits nor soak operations that continued with precision for all six runs. It was autocross-on as usual with a different blend of challenges for our 11 drivers. A van between the north and south lots posed no issue, and, in fact, presented another obstacle to circumnavigate while seeking personal best times.

Mr. Whoa: Our regulars did not disappoint. **Don Kelly** in his 1993 red Miata, was very satisfied to overcome his first run DNF to his sixth, for "Fastest of the Day" title at 73.61 seconds. Check out the results board for all the drivers' times. They really proved their wet course readiness showing superb control of the steering, gas and brake under these unique soggy conditions.



	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 Gene Allison	84.4	77.2	77.7	84.2	78.3	74.4
2 Mark Fritz	94.8	85.0	81.6	78.9	77.8	76.6
3 Spencer Gillins	DNF	81.6	77.9	77.9	76.1	74.8
4 Louis Hutzel	87.0	84.1	81.1	77.9	75.4	74.5
5 Don Kelly	DNF	81.4	78.1	77.6	75.0	73.6
6 Ethan Emmerich	100.7	92.9	86.3	82.4	88.9	87.7
7 Mike Szaz	86.8	83.4	78.8	77.6	75.7	74.9
8 Chavez Katrick	86.0	82.0	80.4	77.7	73.9	74.3
9 Thomas Kuttel	136.6	110.7	110.7	102.4	100.4	95.5
Adam Higgason	105.0	DNF	94.9	89.1	86.0	85.6
Brian Tull	DNF	93.8	94.6	81.2	78.1	78.2

Mr. Whoa: Whew! Some impressive driver skills for sure, given dry-to-drizzle-rainy conditions, with multiple slalom cone course configuration including a Peterson Box, compliments of Autocross Maestro, Don Klein.

Ms. Go: Salute! To all OVAHC workers who persevered in wet conditions maintaining business-as-usual, like the well-oiled drivers' machines, doing safety checks, driver runs, course work and record/post times:

Gene Allison, Nancy Bacon, Dale Ballinger, Jerry Cox, Adam Higgason, Jake Jacobs, John Jacobs, Don Klein, Gayle and Cindy Loos, Jeff Porada

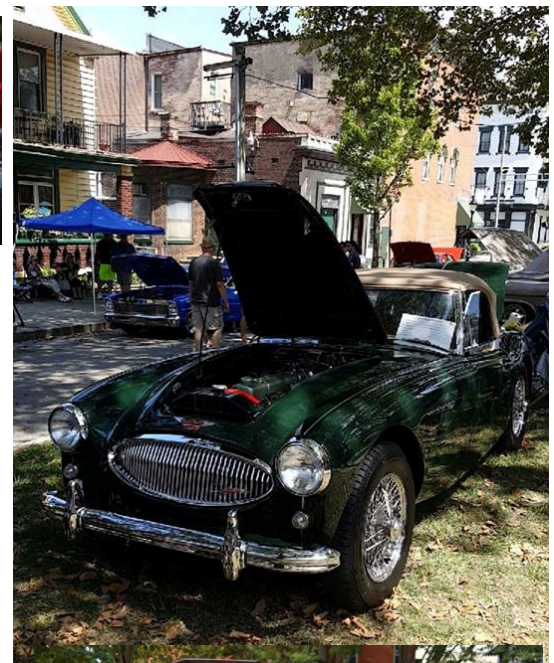
Mr. Whoa: Mark your calendar for our next Drivers' Training, **Saturday, September 2**. Enjoy leisure fun on Labor Day weekend. Same time (9:00 am). Same place. Rain or shine.

MAINSTRASSE 15TH ANNUAL CARSHOW

Best of show: Steve Harmeyer Chevrolet Impala 1963

By my count 25 OVAHC members worked today at Mainstrasse to make it a success! I would like to thank all that worked yesterday (below is who Dale and I remembered, please let me know if I missed you).

Sandy & Dale Ballinger, Scott Brown, Jerry Cox, Pat & Bob Duffey, Mary Ann & Bernie Grabow, John Haines, Bill Hogan, Skip Jackson, Ashley & John Jacobs, Joyce & Jake Jacobs, Don Klein, Ken Kreuter, Cindy & Gayle Loos, John Parrott, Dick Sipple, Tom Swager, Lauren & John Wallace, and Chris Wolfer.





Over \$700 collected...way to go Lauren!!

