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NEWSLEAK



December 2023

NOVEMBER MINUTES

November OVAHC Meeting Minutes

Twenty-seven members attended the monthly meeting at the Duffey home in Middletown, OH on Sunday, November 5 on a beautiful afternoon. President Jeff Porada called the meeting to order and thanked Pat and Bob for hosting. (applause) Jeff said he and Jake will attend the AHCA delegates' meeting in Indy next week.

Vice-President Scott reported the Bluegrass AHC has agreed to join the September / Tri-state Roundup rotation. They will host Springthing on 5/16-19/2024 and invite us all to attend. As it stands now, BGAHC will take care of lining up the hotel, registration, and arranging the banquet. They are asking for support from the "round-up" group for Funkhana, rally, car show and thus there will be no September show in 2024 due to the conflict with the Wisconsin Conclave. Louisville asked for a contact person or persons for coordinating between their club and our club as far as assigning duties. Secretary Dale and VP Scott both volunteered and will work together for this task. (Secretary's note: Mid-Ohio will host SRUP in 2025 as originally scheduled and that would leave OVAHC for 2026 SRUP as normally planned.)

VP Scott also said he will soon put out a new article concerning how to use Dropbox. Secretary Dale, Web Site Manager Don, Historian John Parrott, and Editor Mary Ann had no report.

Treasurer Cindy's report: Since the 10/21 Lindauer bonfire meeting a credit of \$32.50 for split the pot, with debit of \$118.41 to Bob Minton for 9 monthly Newsleak mailing expenses, Don Klein \$44.98 for our annual domain name renewal, and \$75 for Duffey meeting allowance for total of \$238.39 Our current balance is good. Tech Team balance is \$1,728.09.

Activity Activator Skip asked if anyone had anything to announce. Bobbie Ross mentioned that Zakira's Garage is having a chili cook-off / area club get together in January. You must RSVP your club. Details to follow. Skip is starting on the Wisconsin Conclave caravan route for September 2024. Chicago presents a BIG traffic problem. The Southeastern Classic overlaps some of the SAME dates, but is in Little Switzerland, NC. For all other activity questions, please contact Skip.

Membership Rosalee said we have 55 AHCA members plus 3 multi-club makes 58 national members. We have 2 honorary members and 8 locals only OVAHC members. Dues are due and if you pay \$85 before December you will not get a reminder from AHCA. Preferred method is a credit card on the national web site. Local only send a check for \$25 to Rosalee. Forms are in the Newsleak and on the OVAHC website. Deadline for eve-



<http://OhioValleyAHC.com>

ryone is January 15, 2024.

Business Manager / Delegate Jake reported the delegates meeting is next weekend. The site for 2025 Conclave will probably not be Branson, MO but a suggestion by Ben Moore for Lexington, KY is under consideration as part of a Midwest consortium effort. Jake, Nancy, and Jeff volunteered to run the autocross/gymkhana.

Tech Director Tim said we had no new sessions recently. He thanked editor Mary Ann for posting all four reports in her last wonderful Newsleak. If you provide coffee and doughnuts in the AM and pizza with beer in the PM, the tech team will work on and under your British car. We are good at "taking them apart" and if all else fails, Jeff Porada has a professional shop....

ha...ha.....Tim has two \$10 door bolt kits and seven \$40 clutch slave cylinder bleeder kits for sale. If you want to buy some, need to schedule a session to install them, have questions, or want to join in the fun just let him know.

Old business: Secretary Dale made the Thursday, 12/7/23 Christmas lunch announcement and passed around a sign-up sheet. (see formal announcement in this issue)

New business: Bob Duffey took the floor and profusely thanked his lovely wife Pat for setting up everything, ALL the aspects of this wonderful meeting. (applause) Split-the-pot was won by Ken Kreuter for \$42 and the club kept \$43.

The next meeting is not until February. Details will be published in the Newsleak. President Jeff Porada thanked Pat (and Bob) for hosting (applause) and then we went back to snacking and socializing.

Submitted by Secretary Dale



DECEMBER PARTY

ANNOUNCING THE OVAHC CHRISTMAS LATE LUNCH FOR 2023

Please meet at The Pub at 3:00 PM on Thursday, December 7. No presents, no meeting. Think of it as the ROMEO and Healey Juliettes combination luncheon all in one! We have a room until 5 and food and drink specials to partake. Or just order off the special OVAHC menu. Please RSVP (if you haven't yet) to me, Dale Ballinger at 859-384-1345 then 8 or by email to DLB55AH@cs.com so we can notify The Pub of our requirements.



The Pub Rookwood Mews
2692 Madison Rd.
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From I-71 going northbound: Take exit # 6 for route 561 / Smith / Edwards Road and turn right at the end of the ramp onto Edmondson Road. Go to the first light and turn right into Rookwood and The Pub is just ahead on the left.

From I-71 heading southbound: Take exit # 6 for 561 / Smith / Edwards Road and turn left off the ramp onto Williams Avenue. Go to the next light and turn right onto Edwards Road. Go ¼ mile passing one traffic light at Edmondson Road and turn right immediately into the lane between Fidelity and before Rusty Bucket. Drive straight to The Pub on your left.

ACTIVITIES REPORT



ROMEO
lunch at
the Pub in
Rookwood
on
10/25...nice
turn out.

Meanwhile—Juliettes met around the corner at Bucca Di Bepo and were seated in the “Popes Room” (note attendee in the center of the table.) Waiter took an outstanding picture of everyone. Hazel is calling herself the first Jewish pope ...she’s in the “popes chair”





Longnecks in Wilder on 11/15. Nice turn out boys!



Girls across the street at Mellow Mushroom. This month and last month's lunch gatherings were quite close together—December is our get together at the Pub in Rookwood

MEMBERSHIP 2024

Present members can renew by credit card with AHCA anytime after October 1. When a member renews after October 1 the dues they pay will cover their membership until 12/31/24. If a present member renews between October 1 and November 30, they will not receive any renewal reminders.

For those whose payment is not made before November 30, AHCA - Club Express (CE) will email a renewal reminder December 1.

AHCA Payment by check will be sent to Rosalee Campbell, 243 County Down Lane, Loveland, Ohio 45140. I will be available at the December luncheon to receive checks.

Any changes to your current on file information, please send an updated membership form to Rosalee regardless of whether you have paid online or by check.

ALL Dues must be paid by **January 15, 2024**. This includes both AHCA and Local Only dues.

AHCA/OVAHC dues are \$85. Local Only dues are \$25. (If you are a AHCA member of another area club and want to join us as a multi-member, the fee is \$15 and can be finished online with a credit card or mail with check to Rosalee Campbell.)

Membership form on the next page

Chili, Anyone?



Zakira's Garage is planning a new event - a car club-specific chili cook-off on Saturday, January 13, 2024. The general public will not be invited; this event is intended to promote car clubs and introduce enthusiasts who might not otherwise have a chance to meet. We want people to come, enjoy themselves and have some really great food. 5-Alarm, 2-Alarm, vegetarian – we will try them all! Have an award winning recipe? We want to try it!! A dessert category is included....cuz who doesn't have a sweet tooth?

Entry space is limited, please email jenn@zakiras.com by November 30, 2023 to sign your club up. Stay tuned - more details shall be forthcoming!

As always, if you need anything automotive, please call us at (513) 272-2229, email us at info@zakiras.com, check out www.zakiras.com or just stop by the shop 8am-5pm Monday through Friday in Blue Ash at 4480 Lake Forest Dr., #314, Cincinnati, OH 45242.

Delegate/Business Manger Report: 11/13/2023

Annual Delegates meeting Sat/Sun Nov 11/12, 2023

In person Indianapolis & Zoom meeting:

28(+/-) of 50+ clubs represented; 8 (+/-) were on Zoom

This was the most open, effective and efficient Delegates meeting I have attended (around 10). Roger has proven with actions that the club is to be run/directed by its membership under his leadership. He established an open invitation to any member to discuss any idea or issue at the monthly officers meeting. With prior request of your topic to Edie. You are given a 5 min window to state/discuss your request. Afterward the officers discuss it and a response is given as part of the meeting follow up.

One issue/request was to provide structure to the delegates meeting by Brad Swiggert of Nebraska. A mediator was hired and a structure was established. The result was everyone was heard, no one was ignored and we finished the agenda 30 min early both days.

I requested that the oral club reports return (eliminated by Gary who actually fined us for talking about our Christmas parties). Each club was given 3 minutes. The ideas that I picked up was Car show/rides at Retirement facilities and square dance as potential activities.

Attached at the bottom of this report is OVAHC 2023 Activity Report and Flow of Funds I submitted. Please look at the activity report. It is quite impressive

Headline:

Roger Hamel of Quebec was reelected president, Jeff was re-elected as VP Safety and Steve Bell was elected VP of Club Support to replace Ray Donovan who resigned for personal health reasons.

Dues and Marque distribution (printed and digital) will remain the same for 2024.

We were supposed to get an easily accessible digital version of the printed Membership Directory in 2023 which did not happen. Roger promised that it would happen in 2024 and we allocated \$3000 in the budget to enlist help if needed.

Last year the 2-tiered membership (printed or digital Marque) I presented was not allowed to be vetted by Gary F. Under Roger's NON authoritarian/open leadership, Bill Walton of the Carolinas re-introduced it. Roger promised that it would be ready for next year. A committee of Bill, Ried Trummel, Mike Schnider, Bev Sealand, Steve Bell and me were empowered to have a proposal ready to implement for 2025 re-newel.

The delegate approved that international members (overseas) would be all digital in 2024. Mailing cost are exorbitant.

Conclave:

2023 **Crystal River FL.** – Had about 100 registrations and financially broke even.

2024 Sep 15 – 19 Elkhart Lake WS. The Wisconsin club is going all out for this conclave. The Friday, Saturday and Sunday prior (Sep 13-15) to Conclave there will be a series of Healey races similar to the 1990 Healey Challenge with cars coming from England and Australia. Conclave registrants will get discounted race tickets and Healey parking in the paddock. The hotel rates for Conclave apply. I am planning on being there to cheer Jeff on. Jeff & Nancy and Jake and Joyce are already registered.

The Gymkhana will be running the go cart track. The car show will be on Main St. of Elkhart Lake. There are numerous attractions a few short miles in various directions, Harley Davidson Museum in Milwaukee, The Experimental Aircraft Museum (EAA) in Oshkosh and Lambeau Field in Green Bay. All the drives are in the beautiful landscape of roads of the Wisconsin countryside. The handout is at the end of this report. Also check out this Youtube..

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0QuEGInmSt8>

2025 May 18-25 Branson MO. Neil A. and officers went back to our desired site, The Chateau on the Lake and was able to get enough concession to make it a viable.

It is going to be run on a model of collaboration vs. single club effort.

2026 TBD... Probably Lexington

2027 Lake Tahoe NV. – International Meet for the 75th Healey Anniversary. The California AHCA clubs have floated a proposal and this time in writing with AHCA controlling the money – (the 2002 meet left a very bad taste in the AHCA's mouth). In 2002 this event had over 600 cars. The delegates gave the approval to proceed with the negotiations and exploration.

Re-establishment of a youth-oriented initiative and Sprite Registry – Jeff Porada

Jeff has found a younger member who wants to Administer a Sprite Registry

Jeff is also spearheading a youth-oriented initiative (remember Future 50).

Insurance:

Gymkhana will cost \$350 per event in 2024.

Local membership Insurance was lowered to \$10 for 2024.

Free membership Card program updated:

I have a stack of new cards to distribute. When you see someone who may be interested, they can go to the Web site and enter a code for a free trial membership.

Jake Jacobs

OVAHC – Delegate – Biz Manager

Area Club Annual Activity Report – Year Ending 10/31/2023

CLUB: Ohio Valley – Greater Cincinnati – SW OH; N. KY; SE IN		
DELEGATE: John (Jake) Jacobs		
CLUB MEETING PLACE: Member's Homes/Garages determined by host usually Sat		
MEMBERSHIP: 64	INCREASED BY:	DECREASED BY: net 6

Meetings OVAHC Members

10 Meetings –all in person: average attendance 30+
Christmas Lunch – 30; Picnic – 30; Bon Fire 33

Lunches – various restaurants in region 20+ average attendance

ROMEOS – Guys only 10 average attendance 16
Healey Hotties – Gals only 10 average attendance 10

OVAHC Sponsored AutoX – 0 Site and Insurance costs

Car Shows – Local – 5 average attendance 8 OVAHC Members

Cavalcade of Customs – 4; Newport -3; British Car Day – Dayton - 4
Chatfield College – 12 Cinti Concours – 8 War Birds 8

Local Day Drives – 6 average attendance 8 OVAHC Members

Kurt's Spring – 5; Polo Match – 4; Maysville – 6 Rabbit Hash - 8

Overnights weekends – 2 average attendance 6 OVAHC Members

Hell MI – 18; Hocking Hills OH – 6;

Large Events – Multiple days – 7 average attendance 8 OVAHC Members

SpringThing KY – 10; Bellefontaine Hill Climb OH – 6; Jensen Nationals -1;
Conclave FLA – 10; Sept Roundup IN – 16; European Meet Norway – 2 ;
SE Classic NC - 6

Tech Team events – 7+ sessions average attendance 6 OVAHC Members

MGA Trans & engine rebuild; 2 Bugeye general; Numerous Big Healey maintenance