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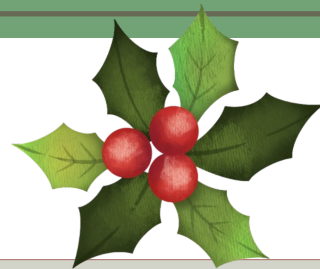
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NEWSLEAK



NOVEMBER MEETING

Nov 2024



On November 20, the OVAHC group met to have a lunch and meeting at O'Charlies in Eastgate. We got our own room in the back and our own waitress...yes—one but she tried.

Scott called a short meeting together at 2:00.
The minutes passed as written.

Treasurer—\$45 for software for Newsleak, \$5.020 balance and tech team has \$1.802 balance.
No report from President or Vice President, or Secretary who was out of town. Mary Ann took minutes, but there weren't many to take.

Membership—there will be a change in the cost which will be reflected on the registration form.

Tech Team—See the report in Newsleak for more information. Tim is going to carry a can of liquid electric tape in his car in the future.

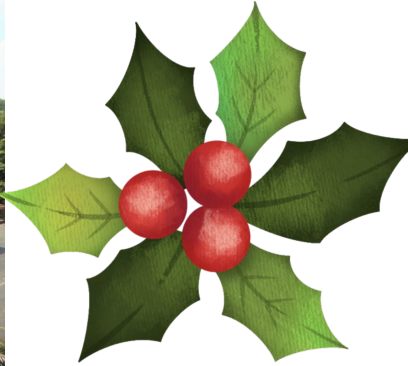
Delegate—Jake sent out an 8 page report on the delegates meeting. He said this was one of the best he has attended. There will be a digital membership available this year which will save you some money—be sure to look for the information on the membership form.
No old business, new business or split the pot this month.



The Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club held combined Healey Hotties and ROMEO luncheon on the same date and same location.

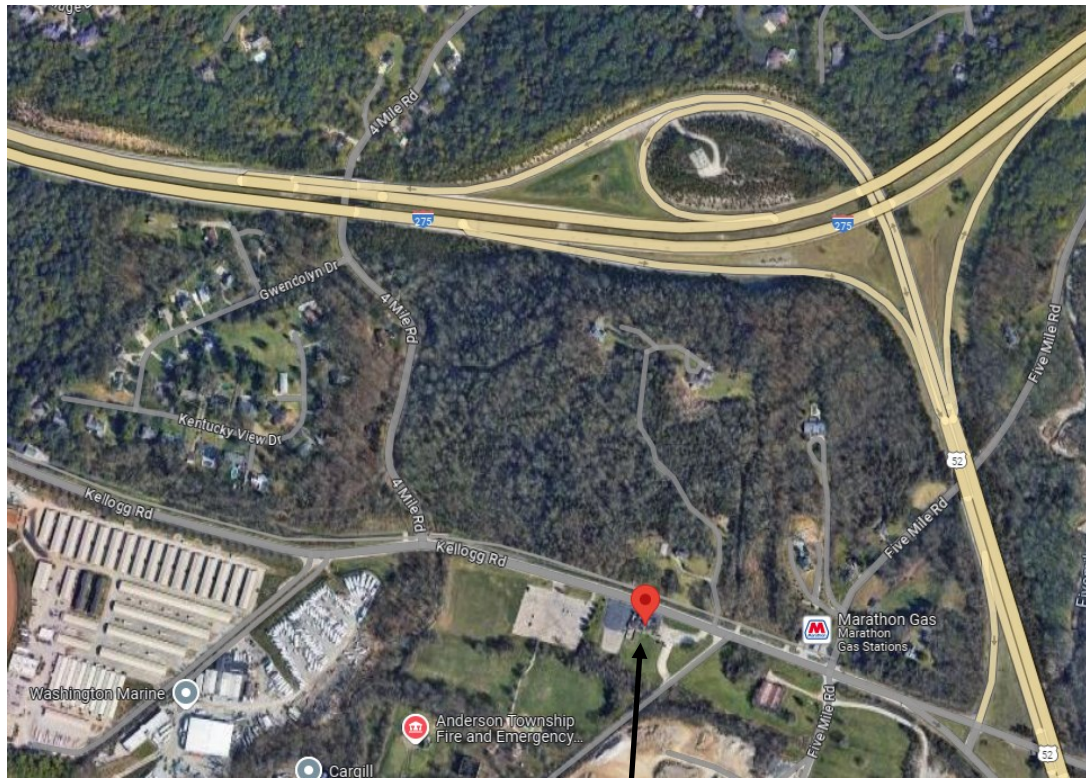


DECEMBER GATHERING



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River Downs



Grove Park Grill

Mark your calendar for December 19. Christmas gathering at Grove Park Grill

SOUTHEAST CLASSIC 2024



We all will remember
Barnie Fife!

Bobbie, Tim, Jake, Joyce, Lauren, John, Bob and Pat



Christine was jealous of Jake winning the "Oh-Oh" award at Southeast. In Prestonsburg when I turned on her headlights she started smoking under the dash. She has always been a hothead. Jake (the man under the dash) mollified her and she ran strong the rest of the way to Cincinnati. Who needs headlights or dash lights anyway! However, I am looking at a wiring fix.

SOUTHEAST CLASSIC cont.



OVAHC to SE Classic Dobson NC...

Tim & Bobbi Ross, John & Lauren Wallace, Bob & Pat Duffey and Jake & Joyce Jacobs...

On Sunday, October 27, Jake and Joyce Jacobs headed east for a visit with friends in Pittsboro NC on the way to Dobson NC and the SE Classic. After finally taming the ignition, crankcase pressure issues and 300 shake out miles, the BJ8 was ready for a long journey. The plan was to drive to Charleston WV and stop and watch the Bengals game then on to the hotel in Beckley WV. It was such a beautiful fall day, the BJ8 had never ran that good. We were about 100 miles out almost to our turn off at 35, then there were a few rattles then a loud boom. We coasted to a stop; smoke was coming out... and there was a 4-inch round hole in the side of the block under the manifold. For some reason the bolt on the journal on #5 piston broke. So... AAA back home with a very nice driver who happened to live a few years in NC. At home he rolled it off into the garage, we moved the luggage to Joyce's Miata and headed out again. This time straight to Beckley and listened to the Bengals on the radio. We made Beckley around night fall and were back on schedule. On Monday we made our way to Pittsboro NC. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, we had a great visit in Pittsboro with my best friend Roger and his wife Judy. We went to school (HS & Xavier) and he introduced me to Joyce. Judy also went to HS with us.

On Wednesday, October 30 three Austin Healeys met at Grove Park Grill to begin their trek to Dobson, NC for the 37th edition of the Southeast Classic. Bob and Pat Duffey and John and Lauren Wallace drove their Healeys, while the Healey of Tim and Bobbi Ross was on their trailer behind their Flex. (Note: trailer is the insurance policy – if someone's Healey has a problem, the Ross Healey comes off the trailer and the ailing Healey goes on.) We were given a hearty send-off by Scott Brown – thank you!

John Wallace had designed a non-Interstate route that took us east on US 52, crossing the Ohio River at Maysville, east toward Ashland, KY, then south to our Comfort Suites lodging in Prestonsburg, KY. Our lunch stop was at Giovanni's pizza, conveniently located next to a Marathon station on US 23 south of I-64. We made it to our hotel, had a bit of quiet time, then headed to The Brickhouse in Prestonsburg for dinner.

On Thursday we continued our push to Dobson, starting on US 23. South of Pikeville, US 460 left US 23 and meandered east on a VERY narrow, VERY twisty road through the valleys/"hollers" of Kentucky and Virginia for almost 70 miles. Note to self: choose a different route going north – Flex with trailer will not make this route again! We made it to the Hampton Inn at Shelton Vineyards in Dobson, NC, checked in, unloaded the Flex, then unloaded the Austin Healey from the trailer. Actually, the Healey decided to offload itself! Before the ramps were in place, Tim unhooked the front tie-downs, freeing the car to do its thing. An hour later, with the help of several other Healey owners nearby, the car was finally unhooked and all four wheels were on the ground! The only damage was a bit to the underside of the car, one tow strap, and Tim's pride!

This was Hallowe'en! We met up with Jake and Joyce Jacobs who had traveled separately. The evening festivities included a charcuterie board from Harvest Grill at Shelton Vineyards – meats, cheeses, assorted fruits (the dates were a big hit with Jake). For the welcome gathering, participants were invited to come in costume. WOW! Best of our group was John and Lauren Wallace – more on that later.

On a drizzly Friday morning, the event moved to Mt. Airy, NC, also known as Mayberry. The organizers had devised a lovely drive north and east, through a bit of Virginia, to avoid the mess caused by Hurricane Helene five weeks earlier. Rosses were the first car out, followed by the Duffey's. We didn't see any other Healeys until we were parking in Mt. Airy. We shopped, had lunch, then returned to the hotel for a quiet afternoon. Rosses had supper at Coach's Neighborhood Grill. The rest of the OVAHC group went to the Surry Diner then explored Andy Griffith's home town, Numerous shops and then the Mayberry courthouse recreation. Andy's office, Otis's Jail cell and numerous squad cars. It was a very cool adventure.

Saturday, November 2, was a beautiful, top-down day! After breakfast, we headed to Shelton Vineyards for the car show. Luckily, all of our parking brakes held – we were parked on a hillside! The four couples from OVAHC had lunch at Harvest Grill on the property. Jake and Joyce enjoyed a flight of wines while Tim enjoyed duck. We motored back to the hotel for downtime before the evening’s festivities.

At 5:30, we boarded the hotel’s shuttles to Depot at Cody Creek for dinner. What a lovely place! Entrees were steak or salmon or ribs with chicken – plated, not buffet or family style. After a special tribute to Bob Thurman, the event awards were given. John and Lauren won for the best-costumed couple. Jake and Joyce won the “oh-oh” award for their southbound escapade. We then all boarded the hotel shuttles back to the hotel for the night.

On Sunday, November 3, we started to retrace our steps to home, this time with four cars in the caravan. Given the twisties of US 460 southbound, a slightly different route was planned – a little longer, but easier on the Flex and other navigators. We took NC/VA route 598 across the mountain instead of the I-77 tunnel on the border – obviously the original road that the tunnel was now by-passing – well-maintained and wide enough for the Flex/trailer. We made it to the Comfort Suites in Prestonsburg for a bit of downtime before going to supper. Enroute to The Brickhouse, “Christine” decided to let the smoke out of the wiring behind her dash! Thanks to Jake, the problem was found, an electrical tape fix made, and we returned to the hotel to regroup. John and Lauren rode in the Flex to supper at Wendy’s followed by a stop at the Speedway to fill gas tanks for the last leg home.

Monday was a beautiful day for a drive! Since we were traveling in the daylight, “Christine” didn’t need to use her headlights, so the smoke stayed in the wires! We chose a simple route – north on US 23, across the Ohio River at Portsmouth, to OH 32 west to Greater Cincinnati and home. We all made it safely.

Thanks to John for planning the route and to Lauren for finding the lodging in Prestonsburg.

CALENDAR 2024

December 19—OVAHC Christmas gathering at Grove Park Grille no meeting just social.
January—NO MEETING

MEETINGS 2025

January—No meeting
February—Jacobs
March—Wallace
April—Lindauer
May—Conclave (no meeting)

June—Campbell
July—Grabow
August—Wolfer
September—Cox
October—Parrott
November—Slater
December—Christmas

TECH SESSION



On Friday, November 15, we had six members of the OVAHC Tech Team converge on the Skip Jackson MGA shop. The experienced half-dozen mechanics included Bernie Grabow, Ken Campbell, John Wallace, Dale Ballinger, Tim Ross, and down from Dayton – Gary Rettig. Seventh member, Skip had tasty jelly-filled donut holes and Dale set up the coffee pot shortly after 9:30. Skip had the natural gas turned-on in the shop with two fireplaces for heat, so no frost inside. We immediately broke into groups without discussion, being here many times before this year. Bernie went for the RR brake cylinder installation, while John and Ken



started on the LR brake. Dale and Gary knew that the transmission needed oil, so they rigged up a funnel and hose for the slow process. Tim started with the water and fuel hoses on the carburetor side of the engine. Skip started sanding some of the oil off the nearly new rear brake shoes, while getting the team various new parts and fasteners as needed. Later, the people switched some tasks like Gary and Dale installing the shift lever and the tunnel cover. Then Dale vacuumed the interior, reinstalled the carpet, and installed a new headlight foot-dip switch. Tim moved to the other side of the engine to install the heater water valve, actuation cable, and hose. Tim fought with the water valve installation bolt lengths, and actuation cable adjustment. After completing the new wheel cylinder swaps, the team members on the rear brakes fought with the various brake shoe springs' installation.

After beer-o'clock- noon, we were all ready for a good Larosa's pizza and cold beverage lunch. Gary and Tim started with the fitting of the new alternator before lunch, and after lunch re-read the instructions. Dale and Tim finally got the belt alignment and supports right.

The alternator tensioner arm bolt remained which could hardly even be seen, rather than possibly being accessible with washers, nut, or a wrench. We considered removing the



radiator (not filled yet) until Dale used a long magnet and screwdriver like a surgeon to place the washers and nut on the tensioner arm stud and tightened it blindly while Tim provided guidance and tensioned the drive belt. This involved Ken providing stability to Dale as he balanced one foot on a chair, a knee on a fender, and one hand on the valve cover. The rear brake team agreed to try finish at the next session. The old 6-volt batteries were removed for charging in anticipation of completing the alternator/ negative ground change next time. If they won't hold a charge, new ones will be installed.

