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NEWSLEAK



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FEBRUARY MINUTES



Twenty-five members attended the monthly meeting on Saturday, February 8 at the Jacobs home in Fairfield, OH on a cool and misty afternoon. President Scott Brown called the meeting to order at 2 PM and thanked Jake and Joyce for hosting. (applause) November minutes were approved as published in the Jan-Feb Newsleak.

President Scott spoke of the loss of Jim McCord last year. We recently learned of this and read how he drove his Austin-Healey across the whole country. He was a pilot, fisherman, and sailboat enthusiast. The (M.A.C.) Mid-American Classic will be September 14-17 at the new Hocking Hills State Park Lodge. Check in Sunday, and check out on Wednesday. The Southeast Classic is the next day to check in in Franklin, TN. Thursday, September 18 – Sunday 21st to go home. So, you pick one or do some driving and enjoy both. He also mentioned he ran into former longtime member, Chuck Law. Chuck retired (again) and is enjoying driving his Harley around Clermont County. If you wish to reconnect with Chuck, Scott has his smart phone number.

Vice Presidents Wallace, Secretary Dale, Newsleak Editor Mary Ann, and Historian John Parrott had no report.

Membership Rosalee gave a complete report for the 2025 OVAHC membership renewal drive. We have 46 OVAHC/AHCA members, and 4 multi clubs which total 50 National members. Seven locals only OVAHC members for 2025. We have 2 honorary members and one guest member. There is one potential membership renewal coming. There were 4 non-returning, 3 no responses, and one deceased member. She asked all for a reply and was told 32 members signed up for Standard AHCA membership and 5 took the Digital AHCA version. She asked everyone for car info and is still in the process of compiling it. Rosalee also updated some emails and phone numbers. She is preparing an updated 2025 roster for OVAHC and will release it when finished and approved by President Scott.

Activity Activator Skip said he is holding \$630 worth of Concours d'Elegance discounted tickets for the Sunday, June 8 show. See him buy them for \$35 each which is a savings of ten bucks. First come, first served with check or cash. Our club and the BCCGC will park together with classic British cars in our traditional spot near the main gate. Skip will display our banner and BCCGC will display their vertical feather flags, too. Don Klein has volunteered to guard our spots, and we can relieve him



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FEBRUARY MINUTES Cont.

as needed to follow the parking corral rules of the show committee.

Skip looked into a possible caravan to Branson for the May 18-23, 2025, Conclave and figured it is about 650 miles one way. Cincinnati to Cairo, Illinois for the first night is 250. Next day is 295 more in Branson, Missouri. You can make your registrations now for the actual event.

Business Manager/Delegate Jake has contacted Live Oaks School and is making plans for two OVAHC drivers' training sessions for 2025.

VP John Wallace is planning an overnight trip to Put-In-Bay, Ohio for early June. Contact Skip for any activity questions or suggestions.

Tech Director Tim reported about the first session of 2025. It was a remarkable day on 1/25/25 when Richard Pratt and his family allowed us to drop by his house in West Chester and grab anything we wanted to save for the future to keep our Healeys running well. Truckloads of quality items were totted away by seven of us. Richard is selling his house, and he is moving to an assisted living apartment nearby. He seemed pleased that we were able to relocate his tools for a good purpose. The club thanks him and his family for their generosity. His BJ8 is for sale, too. Skip wants the TT over to continue working on his white MGA. John Parrott has more work on the suspension for his "NEW" big Healey. Ken Kreuter wants a TT session, too. Scott may need a minor one for spring changes. Stay tuned in. Contact Tim to join in, or to schedule a tech session.

Treasurer Cindy reported that since the O'Charley's meeting in November: credit for Wisconsin gymkhana \$500. (applause) December split-the-pot \$42. Membership renewals of 36 online rebates of \$540. Ten AHCA dues for \$850. Seven locals only for \$140. Debits for AHCA dues \$700, local only \$35 for insurance coverage. February hosts \$75. Current balance is good. Tech team balance remains at \$1802. Cindy thanked Membership Rosalee for all her efforts during the 2025 renewal season. (applause)

Business Manager/Delegate Jake said that Brad from the KC AH Club is working on Conclave 2025. Brad wants area clubs to assist financially with sponsoring items in Branson. Bottom line, our club voted to send \$250 for the continental breakfast hospitality fund. Jake is also helping with the gymkhana for the show.

Jake is working with an AHCA committee which Jeff Porada is heading. They are brainstorming ideas for retaining and expanding the AHCA membership. Since they agreed to offer digital only memberships, his desire is to attract the next generation of Healey lovers. The focus may be geared toward Sprites to enable easier entry-level participation. Zoom tech sessions, marketing surveys, databases, questionnaires, and activity suggestions are all being considered.

Web Administrator Don said it's alive and well. If anyone sends him photos, please use the JPEG format. Scott mentioned they are also in the OVAHC Dropbox file.

New business: Dale announced the 1958 restored Sprite belonging to John and Karen Haines was now for sale at the reduced price of \$12,500.

New business: John Wallace said the ROMEO lunch on 2/19 will be at Dinglehouse Pub in West Chester at 1:00 PM. Lauren said the Juliettes will meet at P. F. Chang's Rookwood Pavilion on 2/26 at 12:30 PM.

New business: Ken Kreuter announced on February 25 St. Xavier High School Alumni and guests are invited to witness the "Eyes of Freedom" traveling memorial exhibit. It honors the 2005 loss of Marines, including his son David, during the Iraqi War. He thanked OVAHC for our continuing support of the David Kreuter Memorial Scholarship Fund. (applause)

The \$80 split-the-pot was won by Gayle Loos for \$40. The next meeting will be Saturday, March 22 at the Wallace home near Eastgate.

President Scott thanked Joyce and Jake for hosting (applause), adjourned the meeting, and then went back to snacking, socializing, and touring the man-cave in the basement.

Submitted by Secretary Dale

ROMEOS & JULIETS JANUARY



L-R Gayle Loos, John Wallace, Richard Pratt, Jim Wreckenbrock, Tim Lake, Dick Feldman (Jim's buddy)
(standing) Skip Jackson, Tim Ross, Ken Kreuter, Dale Ballinger, John Parrott, (nearest) Scott Brown
having lunch at Knuck n Futz.



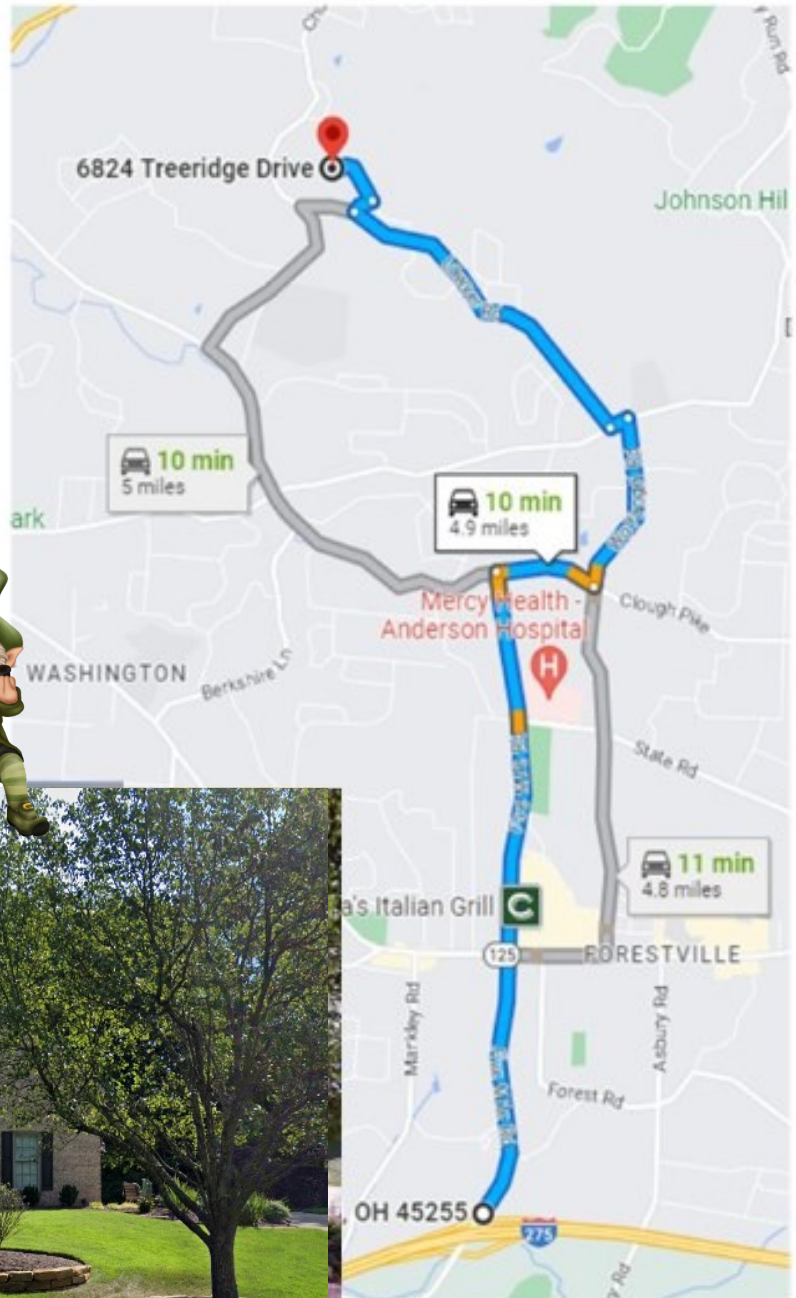
Lauren Wallace, Rosalee Campbell, Cindy Loos, Hazel Klein, Mary Ann Grabow, Sandy Ballinger, Joyce Jacobs, Charlene Cox and Bobbie Ross—
enjoying lunch at Maggiano's

MARCH MEETING Wallace's

March 22—1:00 kick tires and
2:00 meeting.

6824 Tree ridge
Drive

There is more than one way to get to Wallace's. You can come in off 5 mile (pictured) or from Newtown off Rt. 32, but it is my opinion that this is the best way for most people.



TECH SESSIONS BEGIN 2025

The first OVAHC Tech Session of 2025 (Saturday, 1/25/25) was sadly to remove as much Healey and general shop tools and parts as possible from the Richard Pratt shop before the house is transferred to a new buyer. Richard is now in a retirement community “surrounded by old people who eat all the time.” Richard’s BJ8 is now in the garage of his son Jason who is probably looking for a buyer. The OVAHC tech team spent many enjoyable hours in the shop mostly rebuilding Healey 3000 transmissions with overdrives. Now with no room to tinker in his new apartment, it’s up to the rest of the Tech Team to use the tools and parts. Luckily we also have Jeff Porada and his pickup to take many items for use in his Winner’s Circle business. Besides Richard Pratt, his son Jason, and Jeff Porada; the scavengers included Skip Jackson, Tim Ross, Jerry Cox, Gary Rettig, John Wallace, Bernie Grabow, Dale Ballinger, and Steve Broughton. Over a period in the morning of about three hours we moved as much as we could into our vehicles. Now the guys have to endure the typical “Where are you going to put all this stuff?” comments from the wives when we return home. Many thanks to Beth and Jason Pratt for the opportunity, to Richard for collecting and organizing all the parts and tools over his lifetime, and all the scavengers for hopefully finding new life for the items. Attached are some of the before and after photos of the shop. Regards - Tim Ross



CALENDAR 2025

March 22—meeting at Wallace's

April 12—Spring Classic Invitational

May 18-23—Branson Conclave

June 8—Concours d'Elegance Ault Park

July 29—OVAHC Drivers training at Live Oaks

August 23—Bellefontaine Hill Climb Revival 7

September 14-17 Mid America Classic at Hocking Hills

Sept 18-21—Southeast Classic in Franklin, TN

October 11—Autumn Classic Driving Tour

MEETINGS 2025

March—Wallace

April—Lindauer

May—Conclave (no meeting)

June—Campbell

July—Grabow

August—Wolfer

September—Cox

October—Parrott

November—Slater

December—Christmas

LITTLE BRITISH GIGGLE



CAUGHT IN THE ACT



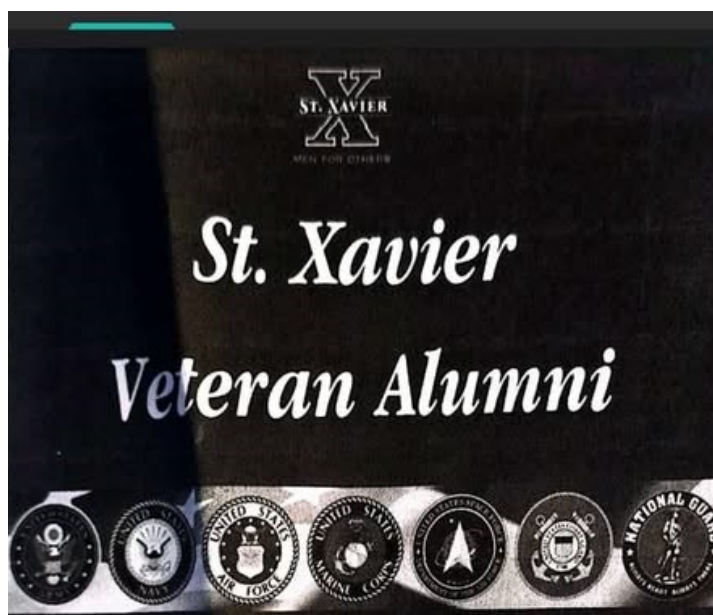
The green Healey (hat) club—
Lauren and John Wallace

For Sale: 1958 Austin-Healey Bugeye Sprite & priced to sell
Restored and upgraded with a 1275 engine and front disc brakes, Yellow with black racing stripes, Competition steering wheel, 4 speed factory tranny, air horns, electric fuel pump, still has the generator, Mini Lite style wheels, up-graded rolled and pleated seats, Asking only \$12,500, located in Edgewood, KY near I-275 and Cincinnati, OH, runs good and ready to go! call John or Karen Haines at 859-907-3515. jdhaines@fuse.net, kshaines@fuse.net for email questions.



All St. Xavier Veteran Alumni and a guest are invited to St. Xavier High School to witness the Eyes of Freedom - a traveling memorial dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of all who answer our Nation's call. A program featuring St. Xavier students, Congressman Brad Wenstrup '76, and Governor Mike DeWine begins at 7 p.m.

Food and beverages will be provided to those who register. Please RSVP here: www.stxavier.org/eyesoffreedom Questions or if you wish to help underwrite this event, please contact John Schrantz '96 at jschrantz@stxavier.org



Southeastern Classic 2025



THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE AHC PROUDLY INVITES HEALEY FANS TO THE 38TH SOUTHEASTERN CLASSIC! SEPTEMBER 18-21, 2025

This fun-filled four day weekend will take place in historic Franklin, Tennessee, located south of Nashville will serve as our host site for this incredible weekend full of fun, friends, and food! With an officially designated "Great American Main Street" dating to 1799, Franklin epitomizes small town charm with a convenient location, access to some of the Volunteer State's most exciting attractions and miles of Healey-roads!



The host hotel, Drury Inn is conveniently located just off interstate 65 and dozens of breakfast, lunch and dinner options within walking distance. With safe and easy access, the Drury Inn will serve as a comfortable and hospitable place to rest and commune with friends.

Our team is planning a weekend full of the events you've come to love! Kicking off our event on Thursday night we will host a thrilling Funkhana in honor of the late, great Bob Thurman.

Downtown Columbia is a treasure trove of local shops, dining destinations, sweet shops and historic sites. Our Car Show will feel right at home along the tree-lined streets and we think you'll love strolling the great collection of unique sites! Make sure to shine up the Healey as we invite public participation in the voting process, so be prepared for some tough competition!



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The Rally will a scenic morning drive to Lynchburg, the home of Jack Daniel's and includes a lunch stop at the infamous Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House!

On Friday night join us for a rousing and hilarious edition of "The Match Game" host by Ben Moore. This event will have you in stitches as you and your team work to match the Healey Club-outlaw panel.

Middle Tennessee has some of the State's most gorgeous roadways and our Rally tours us through the fall foliage and winding scenic byways. With plenty of interesting sites and quiet backroads, the Rally will entertain and challenge while giving plenty of opportunity to wind up the Healey.



Franklin is also within a short drive of many sites of interest for day-drives or tours including the Lane Motor Museum in Nashville or the vineyards and dairies of Arrington. The Hermitage (home of President Andrew Jackson), Marathon Village and The Grand Ole Opry are all just a few minutes down the road as well. There's something for everyone in and around Franklin.

In the fall of 2025, the country roads take you home to Franklin as the Middle Tennessee AHC welcomes you to our neck of the woods!

For more information email Robbie Cook: southeasternclassic2025@gmail.com

