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Newsleak

March Minutes

April 2012

Longtime OVAHC member Dave Norman hosted the March 12, 2012 meeting. It was a rare opportunity for OVAHC members to visit his shop, DVN Fabrications in Elmwood, OH. Dave's shop has an extensive, fully-equipped area for welding, a hydraulic lift, bead blaster, milling machine, a variety of Healey parts, tools, motorcycles, a TR6, Corvette and 1965 Mustang in various stages of restoration/repair. Dave's assistant, John gave a welding demonstration and "personal lesson" to anyone wanting to try a hands-on weld. The shop's proximity to railroad tracks was an occasional, unique challenge to conversations, even for those with exceptionally acute hearing; when engine pulling multi-cars rumbled by, including even higher decibel whistles!

President: Skip Jackson opened the meeting thanking Dave for hosting and his friend Cathy for assisting with snacks and refreshments.

Vice President: Jon Andorn had no agenda to report.

Treasurer: Pat Duffey reported more member dues have been collected, but some still continue to be outstanding.

Technical Support: Bernie Grabow informed work continues on the "never-ending Jensen-Healey project". Technical

assistance is always available for problems/issues. If someone needs a tune-up or any work to get their car on the road, contact Bernie to schedule. Take advantage of the collective technical expertise and experience provided by retired members who have a diverse variety of tools.

Delegate: Don Klein not present.

Secretary: Nancy Hall remains in Florida escaping our warm winter.

Historian: Judy Chamberlain still enjoying Floridian snowbird status.

Activities Coordinator: Dale Ballinger reported the Saturday, March 10 winery event at **Henke Winery** in Western Hills was well-attended. He thanked the 19 dining members who enjoyed food, wine and company. This restaurant and urban winery visit should be repeated next winter. THANK YOU to Bob and Pat Duffey for e-mailing, making arrangements and reservations.

>>>Dale reminded everyone about the **Doran Enterprise racing shop** (Doran Designs) tour at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 21 in Lebanon, OH www.doranracing.com Optional to have an early dinner at 4:00 p.m. at the Houston Inn (offers a variety of menu choices including frog legs). Detailed information including directions are in the March Newsleak.

>>>Jake Jacobs is hosting a go-kart event Sunday, April 15 at 1:00 p.m. at Full Throttle Indoor Karting info@cincykarting.com in Tri-County (off Kemper Rd. between Chester Rd. and Rt. 747). Cost is \$20.00 per race or \$17.00 per race for a group of 8 or more. Details and directions will be in the April Newsleak.

>>>Chuck Law will be hosting the next event: **Tour at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force** (Wright-Patterson), Dayton, OH scheduled for Friday, April 27. More at: <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/visit/tours.asp> Reservations on that date are now closed for the PM Behind the Scenes restoration tour. Although no reservations are needed for the AM tour featuring presidential and experimental aircraft, registration (between 9:00-9:30 a.m.) at the museum is required. Lunch is scheduled from 11:00-11:45 a.m. followed by the Memphis Belle restoration tour. Walk-in reservations for the restoration tour are available at the Museum Information Desk (be there at 9:00



March Minutes Continued

am to make the reservation). It may be possible to join the tour that day if there are cancellations. A complete schedule will be in the April Newsleak.

>>>Skip Jackson reminded everyone that the Club will be responsible for the Monday, June 18 Conclave Gymkhana. A Technical Inspection is on the schedule for Sunday, June 17. Don Klein will provide more details at the April meeting. Skip said to see him if interested in a hotel at a significantly lower cost "across the street" from the Conclave host hotel.

>>>Skip noted September Roundup in Columbus, IN, is approximately 70 miles from Lawrenceburg, IN. Those interested, could meet there and caravan to Columbus (suggested Rt. 50 to IN 7). Skip will contact the September Roundup Planning Committee regarding Bob Duffey's inquiry about assistance for goody bags.

>>>Dale Ballinger reminded everyone about the **Leprechaun Run**, Sunday, March 25. Registration is \$25 per car. (A tax-deductible donation benefitting the League for Animal Welfare.) The 2-3 hour 80-mile back roads drive is a "fill-in-the-blank" rally in Northern Kentucky with prizes (i.e. Best Costume, Scenic Photo), ending at Molly Malone's restaurant in Covington. Some OVAHC members will be participating again this year for more good fun. Additional information will be in the Newsleak and www.cincysports.com

>>>Skip also noted that the OVAHC members attending **Concours D'Elegance** in Ault Park Sunday, June 10, can purchase tickets in advance for \$15.00 (a \$5.00 savings). More info about this premier car show at: <http://www.ohioconcours.com>

The 14th Annual **British Return to Fort Meigs Car Show** will be Sunday, June 3 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.. The show is located at the Fort Meigs Historical Site, Rt. 65, Perrysburg, OH. (Tours are offered at the restored fort that dates from the War of 1812.) Preregistration is \$12.00, day of show, \$15.00. Bob Duffey said he has been several times and it's a very good event. It's approximately a 219-mile drive to Perrysburg, via back road Rt. 127. More at: <http://www.lebecc.org>

New Business: Bob Duffey informed the Club received an e-mail from Gary Feldman (N E Ohio Cleveland AHC/Vice President/Club Support) stating that Charlie Warner's son, Jeff, will be inheriting his dad's car soon. Charlie has been actively involved in Healeys for many years, and has been an extremely invaluable resource to Healey owners. The Nashville AHC offered Jeff free membership, but he lives in Kentucky, and would be closer to our club location. Gary requested OVAHC waive the \$15.00 membership as a goodwill gesture and respect for Charlie Warner. Unanimous vote to pay Jeff Warner's local membership dues for next year as, hopefully, an active participant in our club activities.

>>>Ken Kreuter announced the **Rising Sun Car Show** in Rising Sun, IN. Registration information has not been released for 2012, but the date is Sunday, July 1. The entire town supports the show, serving as the backdrop for many interesting cars, trucks, and bikes of all types to enjoy, along with this picturesque river town. The car show planners

welcome a return of the Healeys. This year's date does not conflict, as in the past several years, with the Conclave schedule. Planning ahead: Need to arrive in Rising Sun in a group so all Healeys can be parked together. Suggest meeting at 8:00 a.m. at the AmeriStop in Lawrenceburg IN. More details to come.

>>>Pat Duffey introduced our newest club members, Tim and Bobbi Ross with welcoming applause. They own the 1963 BJ-7 that has been residing at Dave Norman's for restoration and repair. Look forward to their participation in club activities with their Big Healey on the road.

>>>Skip noted that a fellow is driving a Healey across the country to raise money to fight cancer. His name is John Nikas, and he took to the road, driving his friend's, who has cancer, car. He's dedicating this "Driving Away Cancer" fundraiser to him, in his 1953 Austin Healey named "Grace". Moss Motors among many others serve as sponsors, and the National AHC has donated \$300.00 to his cause. OVAHC will consider a donation. More discussion at the April meeting. Read more about this leap of faith at: <http://driveawaycancer.org/news/country-star-news-shamrock/>

>>>Cindy Loos received a request to announce the sale of a 1952 MG-TD by the wife of the deceased owner. Engine runs, part-primed body, seats/upholstery need replaced. Parts in boxes. (A project car.) Make an offer.

>>>Jake Jacobs is rebuilding/ significantly modifying (ask him!), his 1969 MGC. In May, he will be taking removed MGC parts to sell at Carlisle, PA: <http://www.carsatcarlisle.com> He has a set of 72-spoke painted (original stock 69-C/15" x 4 1/2") wires in good condition with approximately 30,000 miles on them. He also has 2 sets of knock-offs. (MGCs had the same wheels/brakes as the Big Healeys.) His intent is to wholesale the MGC parts unless any members are interested in purchasing. Contact Jake.

>>>A reminder that the next OVAHC meeting in April will be at Doug and Julie Menkhaus'. Details/directions will be in the Newsleak.

>>>**President** Skip Jackson closed the meeting again thanking Dave, Kathy and John for providing an interesting and welcoming meeting place, following much applause.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Loos, Stand-In Secretary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 9.....	Meeting at Menkhouses
April 21.....	Car show at NKU (AM)
April 21.....	Ceildh Concert & Dance Demonstrations With food and Guinness & Scotch Cincinnati Caledonians Pipe & Drum Corp Sycamore Senior Center, Blue Ash Ohio
April 27.....	Tour of Air Museum Wright-Patterson
May 12.....	Scottish Days, Carrollton, KY (car show)
June 10.....	Concourse d-Elegance, Ault Park
June 17-22.....	Conclave in Louisville, KY OVAHC official event &Gymkhana www.healeyclub.org
June 24.....	Driver training—Milford
July 1.....	Rising Sun Car Show
July 22.....	Drivers training—Milford
August 28.....	Drivers training—Milford
September 15.....	September Round Up, Columbus, IN www.ciahc.com
October 15.....	Cruise In at Spring Grove Cemetary www.Springgrove.org

MEETINGS 2012

April: Menkhous
May : Jacobs

July: Cox's
August: Hall's picnic
September: Loos's
October: Parrott's Bonfire
November: Grabow's
December Christmas Party: Andorns

Caught in the Act:

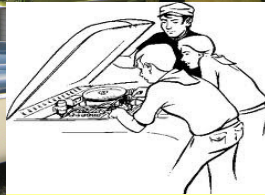


This is Dale Ballinger showing off his winning ticket at Millionaire's Row—Churchill Downs (a previous Springthing). You can have a winning ticket too if you show up early on Sunday for our trip back to Churchill Downs! Looking forward to this year's Conclave in Louisville!!!



Activities report:

March Madness at Dave Norman's shop.
March meeting



Henke Winery—dinner and drinks with the OVAHC Club



Nice turn out for this meeting. Two Healeys drove to the event. Wine was great...I loved the pizza!
Skip gave a brief talk (new president) and Dale mentioned some activities. Check the Newsleak for latest on activities in



Members attending: Deb & Bill Hogan, Joan & Skip Jackson, Richard & Barb Pratt, Jane & John Parrott, Bob & Pat Duffey, Gene & Sally Anderson, Bernie & Mary Ann Grabow, Gayle & Cindy Loos, Dale Ballinger, John & Lauren Wallace





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Anyone that registers before February 29, 2012 will receive this special gift at registration check-in during Conclave.

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Visit www.2012conclave.com for complete information about this year's exciting Conclave Event.

ACTIVITIES: OVAHC Tour of the Air Force Museum

Chuck Law invited all back to see the progress on the Memphis Belle restoration via the Behind the Scenes Tour (PM) at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force (Wright-Patterson), Dayton, OH scheduled for Friday, April 27 after noon.

National security regulations **REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE**: Online at <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/visit/tours.asp> (click on April 27) or call (937)656-9436. Register now, please.

The AM tour features presidential and experimental aircraft at the Presidential and Research Development Galleries. No reservations required. First come, first served. There will be more info in the April Newsleak.

Rush hour in Cincinnati is terrible, so adjust your schedule accordingly, please.



April 15 @ 1PM

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