

# OVAHC

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# Newsleak

## August minutes

September 2012



The August 5, 2012 meeting of the OVAH club was opened by Jon Andorn, V.P., in the absence of Skip Jackson, President. He thanked the Halls for hosting the meeting-picnic.

President: Skip Jackson- absent

V.P. Jon Andorn: No report

Treasurer: Pat Duffey- We are in good shape financially. We made \$180 at the Ladies' Day Autocross. (We all had a great time.)

The Autocross trailer has new paint, logos and spiffed up wheels. Thanks to Bob and Pat Duffey for all their work on the trailer. Applause, applause. Jake Jacobs also bought the plates for the trailer. Thanks.

Secretary: Nancy Hall- Thanks to all who signed the birthday card and for the birthday flowers. I was surprised and delighted!

A card was sent to Cindy Loos, thanks to Hazel. As of August 5, she was still under the weather.

Activities: Dale Ballinger- The Dayton Car show was very nice and Gayle Loos and Bernie won awards. Bernie said there were about 300 cars and 600 spectators.

Coming up, South East Classic in Myrtle Beach.

September Round-Up is coming up. Dale would like to organize groups going together. ( See your E mails) He would like to go to the Farmhouse Restaurant as a group on Friday.

October Fall Color Drive is being planned by Chuck Law for the second weekend in October. It would be October 14 in Shawnee Forest to Portsmouth, Ohio. October 14 is a Sunday and he would like to leave around 9 am. from the Frisch's restaurant in Batavia.

The progressive dinner has been postponed.

Delegate: Don Klein-Don reports that the national council is doing well. He had brochures for the Canada conclave, 2013. The town is on the banks of the St. Lawrence seaway where whales can be watched. (The venue looks beautiful!)

Our club won the Donald Healey trophy and plaque for having the most points in arts and crafts, awards, participation and number attending at the Louisville Conclave. Many thanks to all members working the Autocross ( OVAH club put on the event). There were 80% of our members who worked it. Good job! We will keep the trophies until the 2013 conclave in Canada.

Tech Support: Bernie Grabow- He reports that we are always willing and able to help with problems. He says some of the members helped Scott Brown put in lifts. Scott is recovering from a fall that broke his heel. No weight bearing for a while.

Historian: Judy Chamberlain- She has early pictures of our club as well as videos.

New Business: Nominations for 2013 officers.

President: Jon Andorn

V.P.: **Volunteer needed** (Dale had his hand up briefly)

Tech Support: Bernie Grabow

Delegate: Don Klein

Secretary: Nancy Hall

Treasurer: Pat Duffey

Activities: Dale Ballinger (or someone else can take over)

Editor: MaryAnn Grabow

# August meeting continued:

Historian: Judy Chamberlain Voting will take place at the September meeting at the Loos house.

## Meeting Venues for 2013:

January, Kleins--February, Richard Pratt--March, up for grabs--April, Skip Jackson--May, Chamberlains--June, Jabobs --Meeting on June 9, Sunday, Progressive dinner. July, Cox's, August, Halls picnic and swim party, September, Loos--October, Parrott's, Bonfire--November, Andorn's--December, Christmas party on December 14, 2013 at the Grabow's.

Old Business: Skip Jackson arranger for four families of cancer stricken kids to come to the Quaker Steak and Lube on Aug. 11 to see and take a drive-way drive in the Austin Healey cars and any others that are there. \*

A motion was made and seconded and a vote taken to distribute some of our money to charity.

\$250 to John the driver of "Grace" and the Drive Away Cancer organization.

\$250 to The Dragonfly organization, a children's cancer support group.

\$500 to the Kreuter scholarship fund.

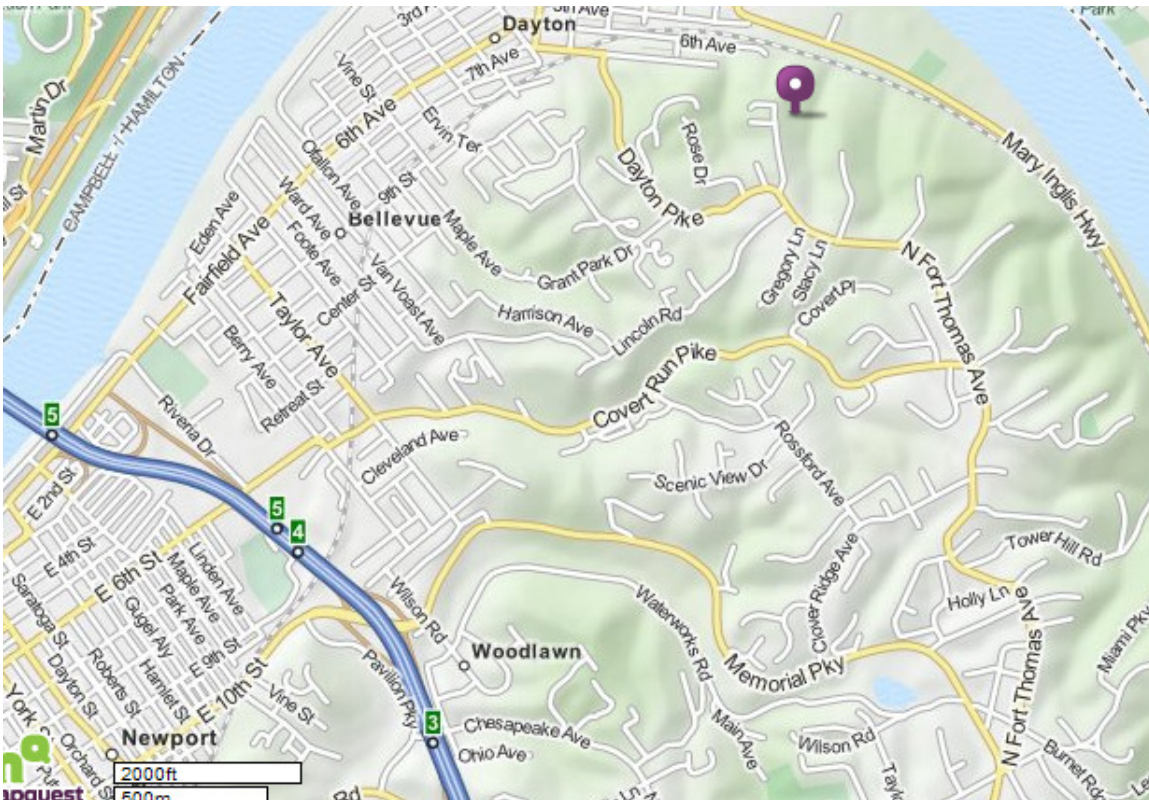
Dale Ballinger took shirt orders at the meeting. Bob Duffey handed out OVAH club stickers.

The meeting was adjourned by Jon Andorn. See you in September at the Loos' house, high on the hill!

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hall, Secretary

\*This is being written the afternoon after the event. Only two families were able to come but they had a good time. Our cars generated a great deal of interest from the customers at the restaurant, too. The British Car Club came, too, with some of their cars. Thanks to them and all who participated

# September Meeting: Note--this is a change in plans!!! Gayle and Cindy Loos, Ft. Thomas, KY



Meeting at Gayle and Cindy's house in Ft. Thomas. Kick tires at 7:00 and meeting starts at 8:00. NOTE: This is a change from previous Newsleak as a progressive dinner was in the works at that time...so be sure to mark your calendar for the change!

I-471 in Northern Kentucky and go East on Memorial Parkway exit. Left on Clover Ridge Avenue to the top of the hill and left on N. Ft. Thomas Avenue. Turn right on Broadview. 78 Broadview  
Call: 859-441-4550 if you get lost. See you on Monday evening, September 10



# Technical Help



Our Technical director is Bernie Grabow—859-359-5488 or grabow.bernie@gmail.com. If you are having issues with your car and need some advice...he can hook you up! If you want a tech session at your house (you supply the beer)...he can hook you up. Call for help/advice...or hey—if you have a car you want checked out for purchase the club can help you with that too! If you want an estimated value for your car—how much to repair it—what is required...call for advice! Although they don't claim to be experts in my opinion they are!

*This is a note from Scott Brown ... one of our members. This is your technical help in action.*

Sending you this photo of OVAHC tech session putting up garage lift while I sat with my leg up popping pain pills. This is what AHCA is all about - friends helping friends. I am grateful to Richard, Bob, Gayle, Jerry, Bernie, and Tim for their help and can't wait to return the favor.

Scott



## Welcome new members:



Welcome Donna and Chris Wolfer. Met with some of our group at Concours and decided to join. They don't have an Austin Healey, but they have the love and desire we all share! Someday...

# Calendar

August 26.....	Drivers training—Milford
September 10.....	OVAHC meeting at Gayle and Cindy Loos's house
September 12.....	British Car Club picnic at Sharon Woods (see Newsleak post)
September 13-16.....	September Round Up, Columbus, IN <a href="http://www.ciahc.com">www.ciahc.com</a>
October 14.....	Cruise In at Spring Grove Cemetery <a href="http://www.Springgrove.org">www.Springgrove.org</a>
October 21.....	Fall drive—back roads of eastern Cincinnati area (175 miles)
November 12.....	OVAHC meeting at Grabow's
December 8.....	OVAHC Christmas party at the Andorn home

## Caught in the Act.



## Meetings 2012

September: Loos' \*  
October: Parrotts Bonfire  
November Grabows  
December: Andorns (Christmas Party)

*\*Change of plans for the September meeting. Traveling dinner has been cancelled—new date in the spring.*

## Meetings 2013

January - Klein  
February— Pratt  
March—**up for grabs**  
April—Jackson  
May—Chamberlain  
June 9 Saturday — (progressive dinner)

July—Cox  
August—Hall  
September—Loos  
October—Parrott  
November—Andorn  
December 14—Christmas Party @ Grabow



# Gymkhana

## Ohio Valley Austin – Healey Club

### Driver's Training

Sundays: August 26 Dates - Rain or Shine

Location: Live Oak Vocational School - 5956 Buckwheat Road - Milford, OH 45150-2287. Exit # 57 from 1-275 and go northeast on Route 28. (towards Blanchester) use the bypass - Right on Buckwheat Road (@ Dairy Mart gas station) this is the nearest rest room and store

Time: Gates will remain closed until 10:30am for setup. Registration closes at 11:00am or 20 cars, whichever happens first. Runs start before noon. Clean up/ awards 3:30 ish.

Cost: \$20.00 per Driver - Max - 20 drivers - spectators free!

Everyone will be required to sign a waiver and all drivers are required to work the course when they are not running. Bring lawn 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 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. We want to come back next year.

We would like to see more vintage iron in 2012 .... Remember - you are competing against yourself, not others - come out and have some fun with your car!

Questions call the Committee: Jake Jacobs (bean counter) 513-858-3071; Don Klein (Track Master) 513-895-2624; Bob Duffey (Equipment Master) 1-513-424-0328 or E-mail me if you want to be on our update list.

[jake.jacobs@fuse.net](mailto:jake.jacobs@fuse.net) Or check our web site: [www.OhioValleyAHC.com](http://www.OhioValleyAHC.com)



## Tech Session

A short tech session was held on Wednesday, August 8 at Bob Minton's house. Bob has been a member of the club, but due to technical difficulties he has not been getting our Newsleak...poor Bob! Hope we have that figured out. Now they are working on Bob's car so maybe he can join us on a drive! Parts have been ordered and another trip to Bobs is in the works.





Message: Just wanted to thank you all again for making our Dragonflies smile!!!! The cars weren't the highlight, your people were!  
So grateful to you! The Dragonfly Foundation



## August 11, 2012 Drive Away Cancer



The Ohio Valley Austin-Healey Club put on a 'car show & drive around' on August 11<sup>th</sup> for adolescent patients and their families. John Nikas brought his campaign of driveawaycancer now to the Austin-Healey Conclave in Louisville. He was driving 'Grace' the 1953 Healey 100 for a second time across the USA to prove that even a broken body can do amazing things.

John challenged the A-H Clubs to do something for cancer patients especially adolescents. He asked that August 11<sup>th</sup> be designated to commemorate the death of one of the first children he met on his journey last year.

The OVAHC coordinated with the Dragon Fly Foundation to meet with the patients and families at the Quaker Steak & Lube on Colerain Ave. at 11 AM. Dragon Fly works with Cincinnati area hospitals to organize events for families for recreation with siblings, parents and patients. The Club had a great time showing the cars and giving short rides around the parking lot.



Check previous issues of Newsleak for more information about this weekend's event.



## REGISTRATION FORM

Join Central Indiana AHC in Columbus, Indiana this September for a fun filled three day weekend. Starting with Check-in, Event Registration, Hospitality and Meeting Friends on Thursday evening. Be ready for a full day of leisurely events and self guided sight seeing on Friday. You may want to arrive early on Thursday just to take in the Premium Outlet Mall, visit the country charm of Nashville, or visit some of Columbus' famous Architecture.

**CLARION HOTEL, 2480 Jonathon Moore Pike (Hwy IN 46), Columbus, IN 47201  
Reservations: 812-372-1541 I-65 Exit 68, East Side of Interstate. (Former Holiday Inn).**

**Hotel rate is \$85 per night + taxes. The rate includes breakfast. Call hotel directly for room reservations. Deadline for Hotel Registration is August 15.**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Car 1: Model and Year \_\_\_\_\_

Early Registration: \$62 per car (Deadline Sept. 1) (2 persons and 1 car) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late and on-site registration: \$72 per car \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Dinner: \$32 per person: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$32 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

First Dinner: Pork \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Second Dinner: Pork \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Car # 2: Model and Year \_\_\_\_\_ +\$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Extra person: \_\_\_\_\_ +\$10.00 (if 18 or older) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: Central Indiana AHC**

**Mail Registration Form and Payment to:**

**Barb Watson, 1355 Trescott Dr, Westfield, IN 46074**

**Web Site : [www.ciahc.org](http://www.ciahc.org)**

**Event Info: Jim Frakes 317-697-6441 or [jimf@frakes-eng.com](mailto:jimf@frakes-eng.com)**

**Jo Switzer 317 501-7091 or [joswitzer@earthlink.net](mailto:joswitzer@earthlink.net)**



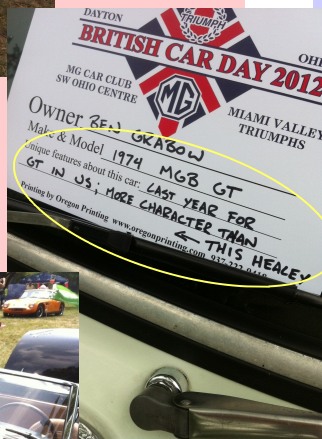
# Dayton British Car Show, August 4



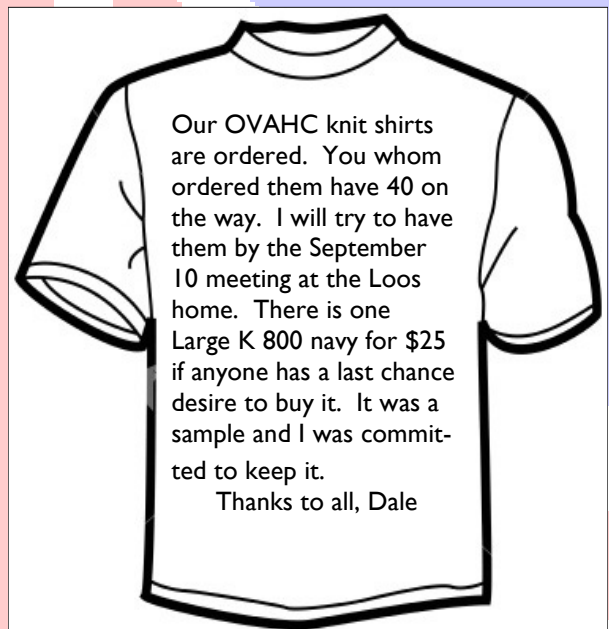
Ben and Bernie Grabow were in the Premiere class this year. Bernie got an Award of Excellence. Pat Duffy would have been here too if she had attended. <grin>



Gayle Loos received an Award of Excellence in the BJ8 CLASS THIS YEAR.



Alan Bell received an award of Excellence in the Modified Class for his 59 Austin Healey



Our OVAHC knit shirts are ordered. You whom ordered them have 40 on the way. I will try to have them by the September 10 meeting at the Loos home. There is one Large K 800 navy for \$25 if anyone has a last chance desire to buy it. It was a sample and I was committed to keep it.

Thanks to all, Dale



# August picnic and meeting:



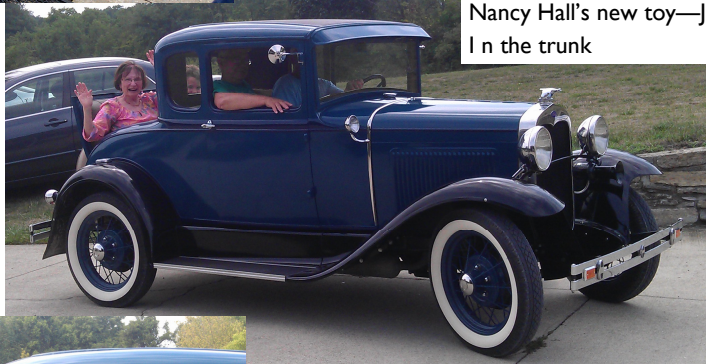
Only 4 Austin Healeys showed up for the picnic as the skies were threatening.



Bernie, Richard, Bob and that's Don in the right corner—cigars and beer!



Dale wasn't fishing even 10 minutes when his old friend came up to say hi!



Nancy Hall's new toy—Judy I in the trunk

Tom and Nancy did some updating to their house—added a deck and overhang for the pool area, along with a pool shed and some new landscaping. Two fans were added to the overhang which made for a very pleasant sitting area to enjoy the day!



Nice turn out for the picnic and the most excellent food—I think we get better every year! Dale hit the pond as soon as he got there and came to the door with his first fish—the one he catches and throws back every year! Tom got his new toy out and took a few members for a ride. Some had it more comfortable than others!

## Great idea!



If your wife has a supply of these fantastic inventions, Mr. Clean Magic Erasers, steal a couple for your garage...here are some cleaning suggestions.

For more go to: [http://household-tips.thefuntimeguide.com/2006/01/magic\\_erasers.php](http://household-tips.thefuntimeguide.com/2006/01/magic_erasers.php)

remove **bugs from car windshield**, grille, and bumper

remove paint scratches on your car from minor **fender benders**

remove **rust and corrosion** that's built-up on the outside of pipes (kitchen/bathroom)

clean & shine **hubcaps**

remove scuff marks from the **back of car seats** (from kids' shoes)

clean **a car's vinyl interior** (gets into the tiny crinkles in the vinyl armrest, etc.)

clean **inside your car** (along the handles, window ledge, arm rests, dashboard)

remove **brake dust** from tire rims

remove **oxidized paint** from an old car

remove **paint overspray** that has dried

clean **car tires**, including white walls

## Drive to Columbus Indiana in September

I am leading a group going to S R Up on Thursday, September 13, 2012 from Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Some of you raised your hand at the Hall's picnic to show you were going. We can firm this up at the Loos meeting. My plans as of now are to leave from the Ameristop off the interstate about NOON. This is exit #16 from I-275 and then cross Route 50 and it's there.

Then we can take 50 to Versailles, swing through the covered bridge outside the State Park and pit stop at Shell in Versailles town. Then drive some more and possibly cruise through another covered bridge less than a mile round trip off the main road by Scipio, then go to Columbus, In. Be there about 2:30PM and tour Columbus or check in.

An alternative for another group would be to depart from Harrison, Ohio and use I-74 or Route 46. Thursday activities are registration: 5:30PM, Hospitality Meet and Greet: 6:00, Regalia Store: 6:30

## Special Invitation...Picnic fun!!



The British Car Club of Greater Cincinnati is inviting all local car clubs to join them for their September meeting.

The BCCGC will provide food and soft drinks. Alcoholic drinks are NOT openly allowed in Sharon Woods.

A \$1.00 day pass may or may not be charged for park entrance. The following is from the BCCGC web site.

"The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 12th 7:00 pm at Sharon Woods Cardinal Shelter. Sharon Woods is located at 11450 Lebanon Rd. Sharonville, OH 45241. The website for the park can be found on the Hamilton County Parks site of [www.greatparks.org](http://www.greatparks.org)

The club will bring the main course and the members can **bring desserts** You will probably want to bring a chair."