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Newsleak

September minutes

The September 10, 2012 meeting of the OVAH club was opened by President Skip Jackson. He thanked Cindy and Gayle Loos for hosting. The weather was perfect and the view of the river was spectacular. A goodly crowd attended and enjoyed goodies prepared by Cindy and a surprise dessert brought by MaryAnn Grabow. Everything was delicious. V.P. Jon Andorn was absent. Pamela's brother passed away last week. Our condolences go to Pamela, Jon and children.



October 2012

Treasurer and Membership. Pat Duffey was absent but Bob gave a report by saying that our treasury was in good shape. The club spent some money on a few things for the September Round-Up goodie bags. Bob read a list of contributions and their donors. He asked for help in filling the bags when we get to Columbus. The Indiana club would like to have them by 4:00PM when registration starts. Skip will spearhead the process.

A \$500 check was given to Ken Kreuter for the David Kreuter scholarship fund. Ken said 5 \$1000 scholarships will be awarded this year. "Many thanks to the OVAH club for the contributions."

Activities. Dale Ballinger is organizing a caravan to Columbus, In. for the September-Round-Up.

October 14 will be the Spring Grove car show. Entry fee will be one can of food. There will be a tour of the cemetery. Details will follow in the Newsleak.

The Parrott's bonfire will be October 20, a Saturday. If you have not signed up for a food contribution, please call Janet. This will be the October meeting too.

October 21 will be a fall color tour led by Chuck Law. He wants to go to Portsmouth to see the murals.

For September Round-Up the ladies are asked to bring cookies, homemade or bought.

Our club is invited to a picnic at Sharon Woods this Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 5:30pm to 7pm. by the British Car Club and to bring a dessert if you plan to go. Editor MaryAnn Grabow. Many thanks to MaryAnn for her work on the Newsleak and also to Doug Menkhaus for his contributions.

Historian Judy Chamberlain. No report

Tech Support Bernie Grabow. No report. Skip Jackson is moving an engine at his garage tomorrow, Sept. 11.

Old Business: MaryAnn G. nominated Dale Ballinger for next year's V.P. The motion was seconded and passed by a majority vote. Dale graciously accepted. All other officers will stay the same except for Jon Andorn who will be president. **New Business:** The Auto Cross (Drivers' Training) needs more help in 2013. This

October Meeting & Bonfire:

The Annual Fall Bonfire Picnic at Janet and John Parrott's

3016 Goodwin Schoolhouse Rd. Bethel, OH 45106 October 20, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Meeting at 3:00 p.m. since our President, Skip, must leave early. Potluck dinner at 5:00.

Fish in the pond, shoot the potato gun or your real gun, hike to the creek, or put your feet up and relax. Meat, beer and soft drinks provided by the club.

Please call Janet or John if you have not already signed up to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert. Phone 513-876-3085 (long distance from some areas)

The next morning, Oct. 21st, is the Fall drive through Southeastern Ohio, beginning in Batavia, arranged by Chuck Law. So if you wish to stay on the east side of town, the Parrotts have 3 extra bedrooms, a futon, sofas, or plenty of space outdoors for tents with sleeping bags. Free showers. Leftover beer. You are welcome to stay!

Call our cell phone 513-368-2496 or home 513-876-3085 for directions, if needed.

Directions:

Coming from north via I-275:

Take the SR 32 Batavia Exit #63B (about 8 miles to Batavia) Take the first Batavia exit and proceed to turn right on SR132 (second traffic light) Follow SR132 to SR 125 junction and turn left Proceed on SR125 (about 5 miles) to SR 222 and turn right Follow SR222 carefully watch route signs, there is a hard left at Pt. Isabel, after making that turn go straight for about ¼ mile and keep going straight. (Do not follow SR222 which goes to the right) Continue straight and the road name changes to Mt. Olive/Pt. Isabel Road. Go about ¼ mile to right on Goodwin Schoolhouse Road. Proceed to 3016 Goodwin Schoolhouse Road which is about 1 mile on the left with a black mailbox and concrete drive just after the bridge.

Coming from south via I-275:

Take the SR125 Exit #65 east toward Bethel (about 8 miles to Bethel) proceed on SR125 (About 5 miles) to SR 222 and turn right. Follow SR222 carefully watch route signs, there is a hard left at Pt. Isabel, after making that turn go straight and keep going straight. (Do not follow SR222 which goes to the right). Continue straight and the road name changes to Mt. Olive/Pt. Isabel Road. Go about ¼ mile to right on Goodwin Schoolhouse Road. Proceed to 3016 Goodwin Schoolhouse Road which is about one mile on the left with a black mailbox and concrete drive just after the bridge.

Alternate route coming from south or west via I-275:

After crossing the Ohio River take the second SR52 East exit to New Richmond and continue on SR52 past New Richmond. After it becomes two lanes, go about 4 miles to Pt. Pleasant (35 mile zone). Turn left on SR232 past Grant's birthplace, and continue about 2 miles to right on SR756. At the first stop sign turn left which is SR743 and continue for 3 miles to Pt. Isabel. At the stop sign turn left and go about one block, then turn right on SR222. After making that turn go straight and keep going straight. (Do not follow SR222 which goes to the right). Continue straight and the road name changes to Mt. Olive/Pt. Isabel Road. Go about ¼ mile to right on Goodwin Schoolhouse Road. Proceed to 3016 Goodwin Schoolhouse Road which is about 1 mile on the left with a black mailbox and concrete drive just after the bridge.



August minutes continued

is our only means of income for the club. We really need the help if it is only for one auto cross or for all the events. Jake Jacobs is working on dates for next year. The venue at one of the Oaks schools on Buckwheat Road on the east side of town is shady and has a nice breeze. Think about helping AND having a good time in 2013. Bob Duffey says we need a new 12 volt p.a. system as well as a lap top computer. Anyone with connections to an electronics store is asked to call Bob.

Since Ladies' Day was such a success, we plan on having another one next year.

The conclave awards that the OVAH club won this year were displayed for all to admire. We won them for attendance and participation.

The meeting was adjourned with thanks to Cindy and Gayle for hosting an enjoyable gathering.

SEE YOU AT THE BONFIRE!!!!

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hall, Secretary



Thanks to the British Car Club for a great picnic at Sharon Woods on Wednesday, 9/12. They provided food and drinks—guests brought way too many desserts. They had door prizes and a great car show from the Austin Healey club, the Alfa club and the British Car Club. We were invited to participate in several drives that revolve around bourbon in the near future—see their web site if you are interested in the upcoming activities.

Caught in the Act.

Scott Brown has a new car!







Calendar

October 14	Cruise In at Spring Grove Cemetery www.Springgrove.org
	Bonfire and meeting at Parrots (2:00 in the afternoon)
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

Activities:



Back Roads drive—October 21

Meet at Frisch's, Rt. 32-Bauer Road in Batavia 9:00 am

Drive through Shawnee Forest to Portsmouth. Stop for BBQ on the way back through Peebles and back through the forest for a 175 round trip fall drive

Meetings 2012

October: Parrotts Bonfire November Grabows December: Andorns (Christmas Party)



back to the Future car from the picnic at Sharonville on 9/12. This had a lot of very interesting additions...fun to see.

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





4521 Spring Grove Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45232

Spring Grove Cemetery 8th Annual 'Cruise In' Car Show Sunday, October 14, 2012 3:00pm - 7:00pm Registration open at 2:00pm

Held at Spring Grove's Funeral Home The Gwen Mooney Funeral Home located on the grounds of Historic Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum 4389 Spring Grove Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45223

Models 1985 and older NO Entry Fees - Please bring Non-Perishable Food Item Dash Plaques to first 200 entries Hourly Door Prizes awarded throughout the day Vintage Hearse Exhibit Live Music provided by Ooh La La & The Greasers 'Hot off the Grill' Concessions Split the Pot ~ Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Plan on joining the guided 'Cemetery Cruise' at 6:00 pm Mini Tram Tours of Historic Spring Grove Cemetery throughout the day Online vehicle registration available at our website, www.springgrove.org

For more information on all of the events held at Historic Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum, visit our website, www.springgrove.org or call 681-PLAN (7526). Be sure to call our Event Information Line for current weather related information on this event. (513) 853-6846.

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Official OVAHC Event: Bring a canned good, cooler, and a chair at 1:45 PM.

September Round Up report:

My name is Richard P. and I approve this message:

The car show was in the hotel parking lot from 9:30 AM to noon Saturday. It was very convenient for us and the ballot was plain and simple. The OVAHC had five cars in the show and four won trophies. Marlene Bell, her son Alan and his wife Margaret showed their beautiful nasty boy. I won an award of excellence in a large class of convertibles. Gayle & Cindy Loos won first place in the same huge class. Dale Ballinger won for the best (and only) Jensen - Healey. New member Jeff Warner won BEST IN SHOW for his 100-4. The award dinner had good food and we had a great time. All sixteen OVAHC members got home safe and sound. THE END

Thursday, September 13: Back Roads to September RoundUp in Columbus, Indiana by Cindy Loos

We converged at the intersect of US-50/I-275 in Greendale, IN. Our Activities Director Dale Ballinger and his wife Sandy were waiting for us under the shadow of the gigantic Ameristop sign. Departure was at high noon with Dale in his Jensen leading, followed by Gayle and Cindy Loos and Richard Pratt in their BJ8s.

Traveling US-50W, we detoured to ride through a nostalgic Americana 1885 red covered bridge (Busehing Bridge) near Versailles State Park. Taking Rt.7N, we enjoyed more scenic back road touring through North Vernon to 575W and another photo opp drive through a red and white-roofed covered bridge in Scipio, IN. Perfect Healey weather prevailed as we traveled under a canopy of wispy clouds and sunny blue sky with comfortably warm temps. We arrived at our host hotel in Columbus,IN, incident-free, after a pleasurable 85-mile, two-hour ride.

Jim Frakes, Central Indiana AHC President, recommended a nearby restaurant to quench thirsts and soothe hunger. Joe Willy's, in a 19th century mansion, proved to be one to bookmark for a future visit. Dale made timely contact with John and Janet Parrott who arrived ahead and held a table for all. A "small world" was the thought when Tom and Nancy appeared, just "driving in the neighborhood" and sighting our cars. As always, lively conversations ensued in our expanded group and reportedly, all thirsts and hunger pangs were nicely satisfied.

We returned to the Clarion Hotel where the collective hands of our OVAHC group quickly assembled bags for Registration, with time to spare. Central Indiana AHC members, under the steady direction of Jo Switzer, presented a well-organized registration process, Hospitality, Regalia and Silent Auction setup.

Outstanding Hoosier hospitality was provided in comfortable surroundings to meet, greet and break bread with all and, strategically positioned with The Pub in clear view for essential refills. OVAHC members particularly enjoyed a delicious variety of special sandwiches, generous side selections, desserts, beer and wine. To show our appreciation for all this great gastronomic and liquid presentation, we heartily participated in food and drink consumption, along with entertaining conversations, for many hours. Extended applause to the Central Indiana AH members for their choice of a Healey user-friendly facility. With high spirits, we departed to our rooms, anticipating a tomorrow filled with a Rally, downtown architectural tour, Funkhana and Healey people.



September Roundup Rally Report - by Dale Ballinger

Friday morning found us with wine weary eyes from the great Hoosier Hospitality of a late Thursday night round of merrymaking. As we finished our free breakfast and attended the 9:45 AM drivers' meeting it became clear that we were *"in for it."* The Rally master, Jon Monies said, "I'm pretty sure the questions might be in chronological order and I didn't bother with spell check. I had recent eye surgery and am scheduled for more, and I am dyslexic, too."

So everyone was on the same uncertain playing field. We were given two pages of clear route instructions with the mileage and street names included. That was the good part. The bad part was were handed two more pages of quiz questions at the starting point, but they were not intermingled. That meant you never knew when the next question began or the window to stop looking for the previous one had expired. And there were 25 of them. Anyway, I liked it! It was different and it forced you to trust your team mate, relax, or go crazy wondering. With Richard Pratt as my driver, I chose to relax and try not to drive him crazy.

The route took us around the hills and dales of Brown County State Park and had a lot of twists, turns, and trees. We passed through the quaint town of Story. The rally was only about 55 miles total. Sweet and short. We ended up in Nashville, Indiana and then stopped for lunch at the Gnaw Bone gas station / carry-out / lawnmower shop / restaurant.

At the awards ceremony we found out the only other OVAHC entry, Gayle and Cindy Loos, won an award of excellence from the many entries. Somehow, Richard and I won third place overall and we were pleased. As Richard says, *it's not always the destination that's exciting, but the journey surely should be.* See you down the road.







Walking tour of Columbus Ind... Enjoy, Skip

The Loos' and Jackson's took the walking tour of Columbus Ind. We started at the Visitors Center and watched a

movie about the architecture of the city and glass making. We walked to the house of the banker whose chauffeur invented the high speed diesel engine that became the Cummings Engines Company. The house had a beautiful Italian garden. The first modern looking Church in the world was across the street, it was built in 1942. The city has several unique buildings such as glass banks and an award winning Court House and many sculptures. The Cummings Engine building has an exploded engine, several race cars and eight different engines.

The walk was definitely worth the time and effort.



Saturday afternoon car show in Columbus

A Not-So-Jall Jale of Gayle and Dale On The Hoosier Irail again ! By Lady Janet Parrot

"The British Are Coming" took on new meaning for the proprietors of a well-hidden dining establishment in the Hoosier forest. As if the morning's rally wasn't enough, and without a rally master to lead them astray, Sir Gayle and Sir Dale, not to be curtailed, but unknowingly "in for it" again, with a full contingent of OVAHC swains and fair maidens in tow, hit the hills and dales again in search of the Ye Olde Hidden Cottage Buried In The Vale...more commonly known as The Farmhouse Café and Tea Room in good old Bean Blossom, Indiana (no kidding!). "Challenge before chow" being a recurrent theme in the traditional OVAHC scenario, and as is usually the case, Gayle and Dale's quest on behalf of their guests was curtailed by vague directional detail. Feeling a bit daft and with the imaginary waft of a fine mug of draft so close and yet so far, hightail it they did. No peril prevailed, and the location was nailed as they turned tail shouting, "We shall not fail, being not frail, we shall journey this elusive trail!" In no time at all (although it seemed longer), the dales and Dale gave way to the proper vale, and they dared to exhale with their senses assailed by gardens galore and the promise of more. With a chorus of "Blimey! By Jove! We're there!" Gayle was seen falling to the

ground, hugging the ankles of a garden gnome. The others headed for the door, mumbling, "Let's 'ave at it." Food and ale was soon unveiled with 'umor returned to its usual scale.

Though tummies were balefully brimming with bangers and mash, following the noshing of vittles which fairly sang with the freshness of on-site tending, prepared and served gra-



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wenches and one luvvly lad (Hank, the Cubs fan), lo, our very own Sir Richard Pratt (who, by crikey, believed one should eat plenty of fat), trotted out a wickedly fudgy cake in honor of Lady Barbara's birthday. They rang her up and a bawdy birthday anthem was sung to milady in absentia, as she had dutifully remained near manor and hearth to tend to creatures both great and small. Oh, had she only experienced firsthand this tantalizing tour!

So it seemed that Richard and John,

Janet and Joan, Cindy and Sandy, Nancy and Tom, Skip and, of course, Dale and Gayle, Bob and Carole, Ted and Alice, and Thelma and Louise deemed this a whale of a time. Though they were derailed and lost the trail, they did not fail,

With only 3 cars in the 100 class, the odds were good that my car would receive an award, although the odds were not as good as with Dale's Jensen Healey class. However, winning the best in show was a big surprise because there so many great cars. It was a beautiful day and I guess the sun was shining just right on the BN2 to receive so many votes. I really appreciate the strong support of the OVAHC. You all know how to make a new member feel welcome.

Jeff Warner