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NEWSLEAK

November minutes

December 2012

The November 10th meeting of the OVAH club was opened by President Skip Jackson. The Grabows were thanked for hosting. VP. Jon Andorn No report. Treasurer. Pat Duffey. The club is in good shape financially. TBA, money to Don Klein for the delegates' meeting in Indianapolis and reimbursement to Hazel for the materials for the auction

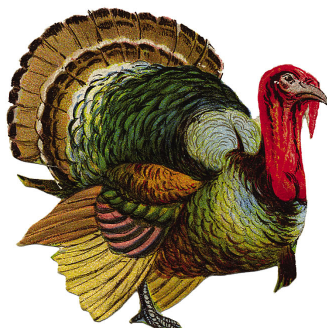
at the delegates' meeting. The National club pays for one room and one tank of gas. Delegate. Don Klein says dues are due January 15. (National and local). A form will be sent by Mike Schneider. All dues to be sent to Pat Duffey.

Activities. Dale Ballinger. Some of the club took a drive to Portsmouth, Ohio in October. The drive was about 250 miles and led by Chuck Law. It was a very nice and colorful drive with all the Fall foliage at its best. Thanks to all who participated. December 8 is the CHRISTMAS PARTY at the Andorns. Festivities will begin at 5:00pm and dinner at 6:30pm. There will also be a short meeting. A food contribution list was passed around for desserts, side dishes, and salads. If you plan on attending, please call Pamela and sign up for a food item to bring. The gift exchange is always fun; bring a \$15 gender appropriate gift. You may steal from someone one time.

Editor. MaryAnn Grabow. MaryAnn was thanked for putting out the Newsleak every month. It is a big job and well done! Applause, applause. MaryAnn suggested giving the officers a stipend. It will be discussed next meeting.

Tech support. Bernie Grabow. Jerry Cox, and John Parrott worked on Skip Jackson's car. Skip said thanks to all. Bernie reiterated that all one has to do is ask for help on a car problem.

Skip has worked up a route to the 2014 conclave in Homestead, Virginia. Bob Santoro from the British Car Club wants to organize a Route 66 trip for May of 2013.



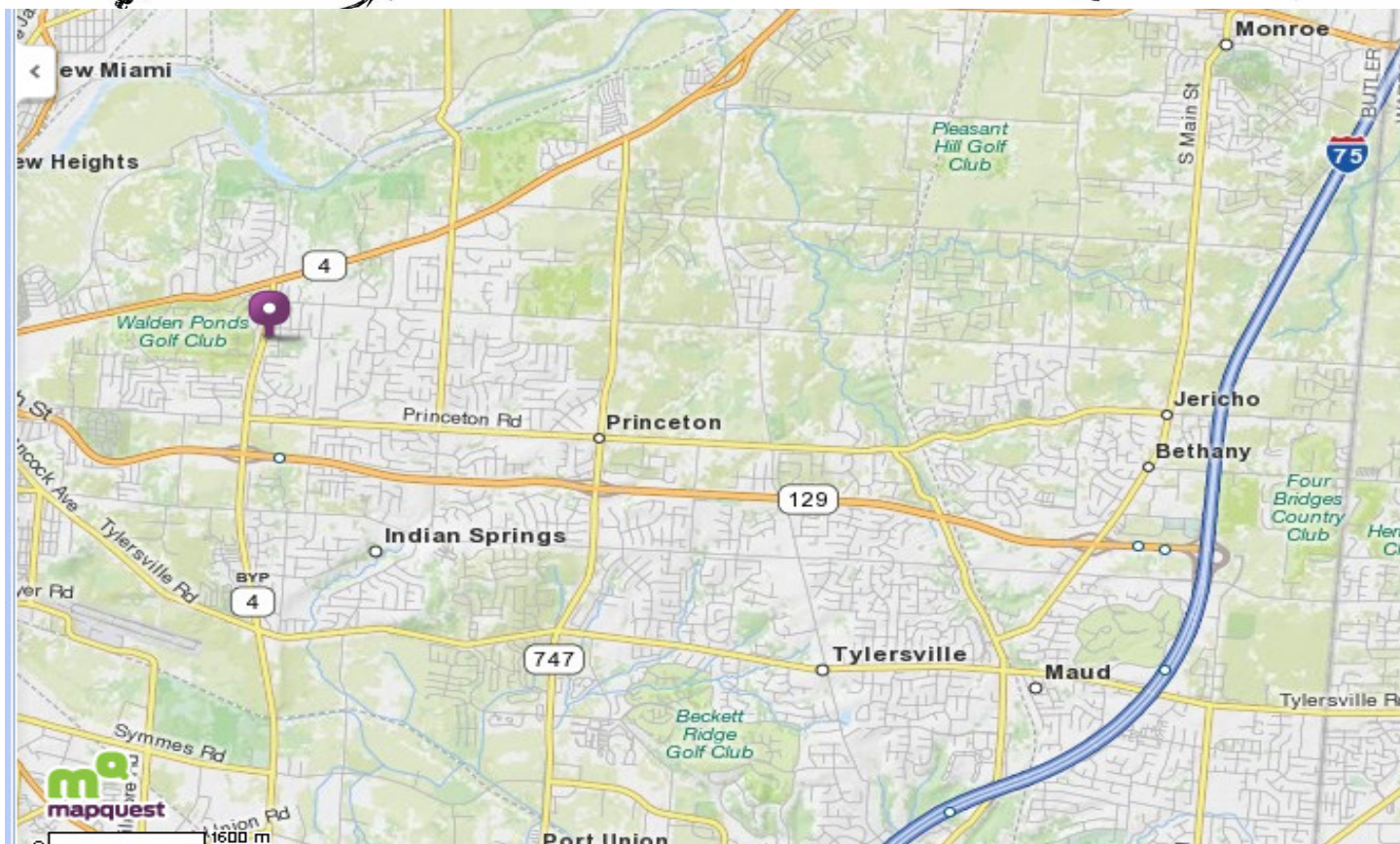
Skip receive a letter from an official of the Concours de Elegance saying they would like the OVAH club to participate again next year. (Nice compliment to our club.) The 2013 event will be on June 9th.

The meeting was adjourned with thanks again to the Grabows. The weather was perfect, the food was delicious, and the company was congenial. I think a good time was had by all. Hope to see you at the Andorns on December 8th.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hall, secretary.



December Meeting: **Saturday, December 8, 2012**



3364 Indian Court, Fairfield Township OH 45011 -



December's meeting is our annual Christmas Party at the Andorns. The club provides the meat and drinks and club members bring a dish to share. Let Pam know what you intend to bring—appetizer, salad, vegetable, dessert. 513-856-7775 jandorn@fuse.net Come to the Andorns about 5:00 and dinner will be about 6:00 followed by meeting and festivities!

Bring a gift to share in the gift exchange (*not* a white elephant) - gender appropriate.

Caught in the Act.



Veterans Day 2012

Our OVAHC Veterans: Skip Jackson, Gayle Loos, Jerry Cox, Dale Ballinger, Bernie Grabow and Bob Merten...November OVAHC meeting



Calendar

December 8.....OVAHC Christmas party at the Andorn home
December.....Choose your own adventure (see below).

Activities:

December activity: To close out the year you are in charge of your own activity. Your mission, should you choose it, is to pick a date and time, theater and restaurant and go see Skyfall. I won't ruin the plot...it's an action packed movie with fantastic motor cycle chase scenes, topless secret agent, and two iconic British cars. One is a new Jaguar and the other one is a classic, famous 007 car which the lucky few members saw earlier this year in Cincinnati. You don't want to miss this movie if you like James Bond and love British cars! See you down the road.



Meetings 2012

December: Andorns (Christmas Party)



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

Activities report: Trip to Watkins Glenn



It all started over a Beer or two, last winter probably at one of those lunch gatherings. The question was asked what are we going to do for a road trip this year. Conclave was only going to be 100 miles away. It will be two years since we went to Watkins Glen. We had heard from Steve Petrosky (from the other club) that Lime Rock was an interesting track. It was starting to sound better all the time - at least 1600 miles over two weekends including Labor Day, visiting Lime Rock in the north west

corner of Connecticut and Watkins Glen, upstate New York. Three days to get to Lime Rock. Richard started looking at possible routes, the last time to the Glen we drove through the Pennsylvania Mountains. The final plan would take us straight out Route 50 to of all places Romney W.V. After leaving early on the 29th of Aug., we found a Hotel called the Kool Wink Motel. It looked like it was right out of the fifties, which it was. It seems the owner's father had kept it up all these years and the son was following suit. Super clean, \$70 per room. The next morning we headed east and then went north through Pennsylvania, some nice twisty roads. We ended up at Drum Penn, near Hazelton. We found a nice Bar Restaurant across the street from The Death Row Motorcycle Shop. We felt a little out of place as we were the ones not covered in Tattoos, but the people were friendly and the food was good.



Friday we arrived in Litchfield, Conn. at The Tollgate Inn & Restaurant. It truly was one of those New England style places - the drapes matched the curtains and bed spread etc. We headed out to the track to get the lay of the land & walked around the pit area. There were many more old and expensive race cars at Lime Rock than any other track we've been to. We then made it back to the Inn and found the small pub-like bar and Restaurant had good food and drink.

Sat. was time trials and we spent most of the day checking out the best spots for watching the races. There didn't seem to be much in the way of grandstands so it was good that we brought our own chairs. Sir Sterling Moss & his wife were to be at the track all weekend and he had autograph signings that drew long lines of people. There were also several cars that Sterling had driven in various races and as Jaguar was the featured car they had an entire area for the clubs and owners and cars.

We talked to a couple who attended one of Sterling Moss's talks at a Jaguars Owners meeting. Apparently Sterling was quite the ladies man. His vision was so good that he would scan the Grandstands for young ladies as he was driving by at 150 mph past the stands and then look around for the sweet young girls after the race!

We seemed to find no end of nice restaurants and good food in this area. Litchfield Conn. was a cross between Indian Hill and Hyde Park - rather expensive and scenic. It was a very old money area.

Saturday did have one thing that we don't see much of anymore, Big Healey's on the race track. We never see them at Mid-Ohio. I think there were three at Lime Rock.

Sunday is Car Show Day as there is no racing allowed. Apparently the old money people like it quiet on Sunday. The show takes place on the track itself. The whole one and a half mile track is full up with the very old Model T types to muscle cars & race cars - quite impressive. Maybe 15 Big Healeys in the show.

Monday, (Labor Day) was race day and had all the old favorites: Minis, Bugeyes, Triumphs and Big Healeys. Our fun part was the parade lap. Mid-Ohio allows several hundred cars on the track and you can't go very fast. Lime Rock let only about forty cars go out and that really made for a fun couple of laps.

The plan for Tues. was to drive 30 miles to the Wassaic N.Y. train station and take a commuter train to New York City and tour the aircraft carrier Intrepid Museum where the Space Ship Enterprise is now on display. The train station was fully automated. Some of the friendly locals





showed us how to purchase tickets and off we went, arriving at Grand Central Station. We walked through Times Square to the Intrepid which is docked on the Hudson River, not far from the Statue of Liberty, giving

a great view of Manhattan. They also have the British Concorde plane on display at this Pier. One thing we all learned was that the Intrepid was used by 500 FBI agents investigating the Twin Towers tragedy. After a brief stop in an Irish Pub it was back on the train. The drive Wednesday took us past Taughannock Falls with its 300 ft. drop to the pool. And on to Ithaca N.Y. After a drive around Seneca Lake and driving by the many Wineries in the area we arrived at the Glen Way Motel in downtown Watkins Glen. It was the last place that had rooms near the downtown area. What a dump! Richard's opinion that the owner was a Japanese Kamikaze Pilot still getting revenge against the Americans was probably a good guess. After just one night we moved on to a nice hotel in Horseheads N.Y.

The town of Watkins Glen puts on a re-enactment of the orig. races when the cars drove through the main street of town which made up part of the track. Now they close the main street on Friday, have car shows, vendors etc. and allow the old race cars to run the same route as in the 40's including Main Street. The evening continues with street entertainment and a festival type atmos-



phere. There is a very well-off attorney from Boston who brings a Bentley R, Ferrari, Aston Martin DB-5, and this year a Mercedes Gull Wing, all of which are perfectly restored.



Sat. at the "Glen" is car show day, and time trial races, unfortunately it rained most of the day. Curt & Richard still went out on the parade lap and had a good time. I was too wet to go out.



Sunday was race day, as I recall there weren't any Big Healeys on the track. The usual crowd Minis, Bugeyes, MGs. After the large number of old cars at Lime Rock the cars on the track at Watkins Glen left us not as impressed. There are plenty of grandstands that rise high above the track for great viewing.

There were only a couple of minor irritations from the cars - like running out of gas a half mile from the station and a coil that died but in a convenient location, plus we had a spare coil, quick fix.

All in all it was a great time with tons of good food, a variety of local beers and, a surprise to me, friendly people wherever we went In both Connecticut and New York.

Bob, Curt & Richard