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Newsleak

January Minutes

February 2012

The January 7, 2012 OVAHC meeting was opened by **Vice President** Jon Andorn. 2012 **President** Skip Jackson was not present. Jon thanked Richard Pratt for hosting the meeting followed by appreciative applause.

Treasurer: Pat Duffey was unable to attend, but provided a report presented by 2011 President Hazel Klein. The Club finances are solvent. **RE-MINDER: Membership 2012 dues need to be paid.** Currently, there are 18 paid members, and Mike Schneider (AHCA National Membership) has only received 6 member payments.

The Duffey's are willing to host the February meeting unless someone else volunteers. Richard Pratt said he would again serve as host for the February meeting.

Members who have not indicated their preference for Newsleak delivery (e-mail or postal service) need to complete the form available now or at <http://www.ohiovalleyahc.com>

Secretary: Nancy Hall is basking in Floridian warmth.

Club Historian: Judy Chamberlain is also enjoying a warm share of Florida.

Technical Support: Bernie Grabow reported there are no current requests, but anyone in need of technical assistance/repair should contact him to schedule a session(s).

Editor: Mary Ann Grabow had no current concerns/comments.

Activities Coordinator: Dale Ballinger reminded everyone about the Wednesday, January 18 tour, meeting at 12:15 p.m. at the Fort Thomas Military Museum Fort Thomas, KY. In addition to the visit to the Military Museum (which also features an area about the 1977 Beverly Hills Supper Club fire), the tour includes the Smithsonian traveling exhibit, **Journey Stories**. Fort Thomas is one of five cities selected for this exhibit that tells a different historically-themed story with 50 quilts and other artifacts. This exhibit is a short walk away at the Fort Thomas Community Center. Following the tour, a late lunch (approximately 2:00 p.m.) will be at Virgil's Café www.virgilscafe.com in Bellevue, KY (about a 15-minute ride through the cities of Fort Thomas and Dayton). More information about the tour is in the December Newsleak.

**Jerry Cox announced on Thursday, January 19, a tour of the Packard Museum housed in the restored Citizens Motorcar Company Packard dealership www.americaspackardmuseum.org in Dayton, OH. Admission: Seniors \$5.00/Adults \$6.00. Those interested should meet at Bob Evans on Tylersville Road at 11:30 a.m..

**Chuck Law informed a tour redux to the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force (Wright-Patterson) www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/ Dayton, OH is scheduled for Friday, April 27. There will be 2 tours: AM tour features presidential and experimental aircraft. PM tour (Behind the Scenes) to view the restoration progress on the Memphis Belle. More information will be available in the February Newsleak.

**Don Klein inquired about going to another "steakhouse social". He noted that members enjoyed last year's experience, grilling their own steak or salmon at the Valley Vineyards Weekend Cookout dinner in Morrow, OH. Dale suggested determining a date to schedule this.

**Mary Ann Grabow noted for the March meeting (held at Dave Norman's shop), an alternative activity for the ladies will be Rookwood Commons/Pavilion shopping from approximately 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Monday, March 12, meet at Dave's at 6:00 pm for an informal tech session on welding, kick tires at 7:00 pm, and meeting at 8:00 pm. Directions to Dave's will be in the February Newsleak. Dave has been a longtime member and Healey me-



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

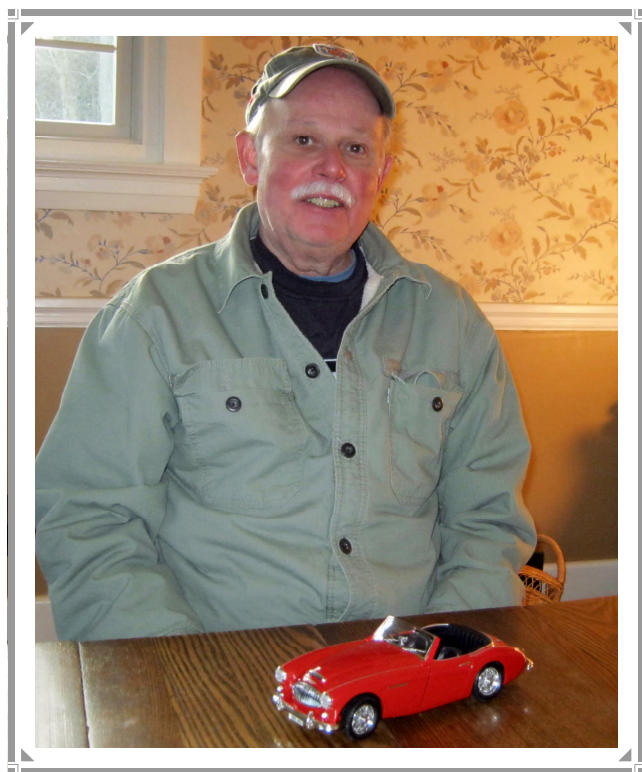
February meeting 2/13..... Bob and Pat Duffey
March meeting.....Dave Norman's shop (details next Newsleak)
March.....Planning a trip to Valley Vineyards (details to follow)
June 17-22.....Conclave in Louisville

MEETINGS 2012

February: Duffey
March: Dave Norman
April: Jacobs
May : Menkhaus's
December Christmas Party: Andorns

July: Cox's
August: Hall's picnic
September: Loos's
October: Parrott's Bonfire
November: Grabow's

Caught in the Act:



Here is William Hogan in his Villa Hills, Ky home. He is dreaming of his fast approaching retirement date. He said he has plans for becoming more active with the club. Along with wife Deborah, they have been OVAHC and AHCA members for many years. They were at the Florence Springthing and he came up to the Ohio Conclave. They have also been on one of the Rabbit Hash drives. And that red car on his table is a model of the one he loves to drive. It is sitting in his garage right now waiting for a chance to roar.



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The Ohio Valley Austin – Healey Club chapter of the Austin – Healey Club of America dues are \$65 per calendar year. National members receive the monthly **Healey – Marque** an award-winning magazine and our local *Newsleak* with local information about our club activities. “Local Only” OVAHC dues are \$15 any time during the year and members will receive our monthly local *Newsleak*. Everyone is encouraged to attend monthly meetings and join us for other activities. Our goals are to promote friendship and to preserve the Healey marque. Thank you.

Please make your check payable to OVAHC and send to our membership officer:

Pat Duffey
6320 Ristaneo Drive
Middletown, OH 45042

or

Registration can be completed on the Austin-Healey Club of America web site
www.healeyclub.org/join-paydues.aspx

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 Please **only** mail me the *Newsleak*, nothing by e-mail.



Join us in Louisville!
June 17-22, 2012
AustinHealeyConclave.com

It's never too early to start the Party!

And what kind of party is it without cake?

We're getting ready for you in Louisville next summer and thanks to our friends at Adam Matthews bakeries we have a special gift for anyone that registers for Conclave 2012 before February 29, 2012. The Kentucky Woods cake! The Kentucky Woods cake is the original, one and only Bourbon Barrel Cake and is a moist brown sugar cake with pure maple and chocolate cake, topped with walnuts, chocolate and caramel bourbon icing. Seven year aged Kentucky bourbon is used to give the cake a very unique nutty maple flavor.

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

This is a special limited time offer!

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

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chanic making/rebuilding British parts (i.e. radiators, tube shock conversion kits). He owns a Healey BN2 with a Buick V-6 and Kaiser supercharger.

Delegate: Don Klein reported a leadership meeting will be held in March. A proposed Conclave in the Carolinas will be introduced at the delegate meeting. The Southeast Classic will be held September 2012

in Myrtle Beach, SC. More info will be available in the [Healey Marque](#).

Old Business: Hazel Klein informed that the Louisville Bluegrass Club challenged all AH clubs to donate \$200.00 to the Wonderful Life Foundation (not the Make-A-Wish Foundation as previously stated).

The Foundation directs 100% of funds received to families of children with cancer. She motioned to accept this challenge. Jake Jacobs had favorable comments about this organization, seconding Hazel's motion. Unanimous vote to donate \$200.00 to Wonderful Life Foundation.

**John Parrott shared the proposed OVAHC business card design, passing proofs for inspection. Don Klein said, "Get it in print!" VERY favorable unanimous response. Excellent design work, John!

** September Roundup meeting: The planning committee will meet Sunday, January 22, 2:00 pm at Bob Evans in Richmond, IN. Jo Switzer (Central Indiana AHC) would like our club to respond about beginning the event earlier on a Thursday at 4:00 pm (September 13) to allow more time for shopping and touring. This earlier schedule would not be precedent-setting; rather, it would provide more time for participants to enjoy the many attractions in Columbus, IN, most notably, tours of significant midcentury architectural building designs. Hazel requested group response so she can inform Jo. Members discussed without objection, to begin September Roundup on Thursday.

**Dale Ballinger thanked everyone for their T-shirt orders. THANKS, Dale, for your time and effort providing custom club apparel!

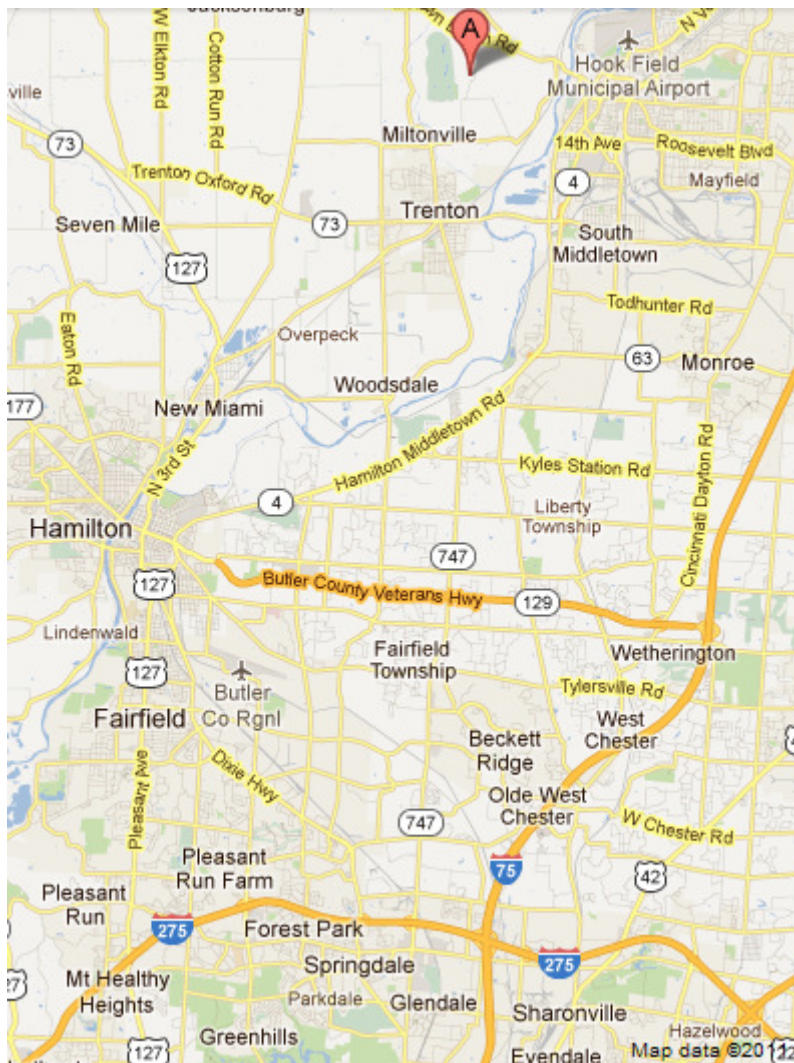
New Business: Chuck Law said Joe Schreiber sends greetings to the Club. Joe was formerly a longtime OVAHC member and BT7-I owner. He has sold all his British cars, including a Mini and MGB. Members may recall his daughter, Amanda, who is now attending college. He's enjoying playing string bass in a band.

**Skip Jackson arrived in time to motion the meeting be adjourned. Jon Andorn thanked Richard again for hosting our January meeting, with more applause.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Loos, Stand-In Secretary



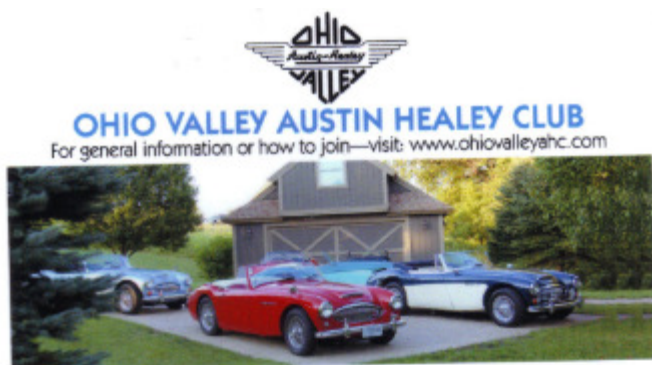
February meeting—Pat and Bob Duffey's



Directions to the Duffey house 513-424-0328
 Get on I-75 North and go past I-275 and Route-129
 Take the OH-63 exit, EXIT # 29, left lanes toward MONROE
 Turn LEFT onto OH-63 W. (drive for 4.7 miles)
 Merge right onto OH-4 N toward MIDDLE-TOWN. (go 2.6 miles)
 Take the OH-73 W ramp toward TRENTON/OXFORD (0.2 for ramp)
 Turn LEFT onto OXFORD STATE RD/OH-73.
 Continue to follow OH-73. (go 2.4 miles)
 Turn RIGHT onto N MIAMI ST. At a traffic light and first street past N. 1st St
 After 1 mile N MIAMI ST becomes ELK CREEK RD (so 1.4 on this road total)
 Turn RIGHT onto HOWE RD. (go 0.6 miles)
 Take the 1st LEFT onto MOSIMAN RD. (go 1.2 miles)
 Turn LEFT onto RISTANEO DR. (go 0.1 miles)
 6320 RISTANEO DR is on the RIGHT.
 Middletown, OH 45042

**Monday, February 13
 7:00 kick tires—8:00**

Front & back of OVAHC business card



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OVAHC ACTIVITY REPORT

A good January day (dry and sunny) for a good tour (Fort Thomas Military and Community Museum and FT Community Center, Fort Thomas, KY), and good lunch (Virgil's Café, Bellevue, KY) with good company (OVAHC members: Dale and Sandy Ballinger, Richard Pratt, John Parrott and Gayle and Cindy Loos).

We enjoyed a docent-led, local color commentary tour of the Museum. There was much to view in eight rooms of the converted home. Interesting displays of artifacts/memorabilia/photographs ranged from the Civil War, Spanish American War, World Wars I/II, Korea, Vietnam to more recent engagements. Two rooms were dedicated to the Beverly Hills Supper Club: The first room showcases the past glory days of the Club, once known as the "Las Vegas of the East", and the memorial room covers the 1977 catastrophic fire that killed 165 people. Other rooms featured local artists and art, the Ft. Thomas Forest conservancy "nature" room, and Highlands High School sports traditions and memorabilia, along with military books for research.

In sight from the Museum and Amphitheater is the Fort Thomas Community Center (formerly the Mess Hall built in 1890). The Center serves as the site for the Smithsonian traveling exhibit **Journey Stories**. There were six interactive stations that featured individuals' stories of their emigration and travels that shaped America from colonists to slaves, explorers/pioneers, to 21st century travelers. Travel has now become more a source of adventure and recreation than a means to freedom and a better life. Lots of photos and period items, including a View Master with reels (anyone recall that childhood "kaleidoscope" to places?). Added to this exhibit are 50 quilts, clothing and other artifacts loaned by local residents. Each item tells a different story about the quilters'/owners' piece and use. It's an excellent display with family heritages sewn into remarkable, touching stories.

The Fort, now part of Tower Park, is worth a visit if you like late 19th century buildings/homes, tennis and basketball courts, childrens' play equipment on soft surfaces, picnic shelters/grills and several hiking trails, some with identified tree and plant species. There is also an interesting circle of long-vacant officers' homes that the city has been trying to purchase from the Veterans Administration to update, restore and sell to a waiting list of over 250 hopeful buyers.

Appetites ready, a 15-minute drive through Ft. Thomas and Dayton, brought us to Virgil's Café. It's a casual/"upsalish" gourmet café featuring fresh, local ingredients and a made-from-scratch (even the andouille sausage and pastrami), affordable menu of items. Delicious!!! Virgil's also features a collection of changing wall décor of artworks available for purchase. It's a small place, so reservations for dinner (especially weekend evenings) are recommended. Well worth a trip to Bellevue, KY! You can schedule your own tour of the FT Museum www.ftthomasmuseum.org, Tower Park, or visit to Virgil's Café www.virgilscafe.com

Hope to see you for the next tour! Cindy Loos

