

# OVAHC

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# NEWSLEAK

## February Minutes

March 2012

The February 13, 2012 meeting was opened by **President** Skip Jackson thanking Bob and Pat Duffey for hosting the meeting and providing a delicious assortment of food and drink.

**Treasurer:** Pat Duffey reminded all to **pay their dues**. She must submit a list to Mike Schneider (National Membership) very soon in order for national dues paid members to be included in the 2012 AHCA Membership Directory and to continue receiving the Healey Marque. Also, **local only members need to pay their 2012 dues**.

**Secretary:** Nancy Hall continues to enjoy warm Florida activities.

**Club Historian:** Judy Chamberlain still liking Sunshine State recreation.

**Technical Support:** Bernie Grabow was unable to attend.

**Editor:** Mary Ann Grabow was unable to attend.

**Activities Coordinator:** Dale Ballinger noted the report of his January tour to the Fort Thomas Military & Community Museum is in the January Newsleak.

>>>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. National security regulations **REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE:** Online at <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/visit/tours.asp> (click on April 27 to register) or call (937)656-9436. The AM tour features presidential and experimental aircraft at the Presidential and Research Development Galleries.

>>>Don Klein invited all to a choice of two local wineries for dinner: A return to Valley Vineyards (grill your own steak or salmon + a bottle of wine, for approximately \$60.00 per couple) or the urban winery, Henke [www.henke.com](http://www.henke.com) (located in the Westwood area, Harrison Avenue). He noted Henke Winery has an extensive wine list in addition to appetizers, salads and entrees for about the same cost. Skip noted Henke Winery was voted one of the Top Ten urban wineries in the U.S. (honors/awards/USA Today article on their website). Group consensus: Henke Winery. Don will call to reserve Saturday, March 10 for the Henke Winery dinner.

>>>Dale requested Jake Jacobs, his son, Jon and Jeff Porada schedule a go-kart event for March or April. A new site, The Web Extreme Entertainment in West Chester, OH [www.funattheweb.com](http://www.funattheweb.com) includes the Inside Track Go-Kart Racing attraction.

>>>Dale announced the Doran Racing Team has invited OVAHC members to their shop, Doran Designs, in Lebanon, OH [www.doranracing.com](http://www.doranracing.com) (Dale works with Kevin Doran's brother, Dave.)

They will remain open, after hours, for an informal tour (no charge), on a Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in late March (tentatively March 21) followed by dinner, suggested at the Houston Inn. Doran Enterprises specializes in endurance sports car racing. They are a local race team (Paul



# February Minutes Continued

Tracy is one of their drivers) that makes national news. They also design and build high-performance parts and complete race cars, including restoration of vintage race cars. Currently there are 10 cars at the shop, including a Doran JE4 Daytona Prototype and Can Am series SCCA Ford 2000. (Optional for ladies to go shopping in nearby Lebanon.) Don noted this immaculate shop is "one to behold". Updated information will be in the Newsleak.

>>>Skip Jackson announced on Saturday, April 21, a car show will be held at Northern Kentucky University. The Porsche and Corvette Clubs will be participating. Many special features (i.e. ladies on roller skates escorting vehicles to their designated area plus food/entertainment). More information TBA.

>Leprechaun Run is an annual event and fundraiser for the League for Animal Welfare presented by:

[www.cincysportscar.com](http://www.cincysportscar.com) This year the event will be held Sunday, March 25. Registration cost is \$25 per car (a tax-deductible donation). This 2-3 hours, back roads drive ("fill-in-the-blank" road rally) in Northern Kentucky ends in Covington at Molly Malone's Irish Pub and Restaurant. Dale, Bernie, Bernie's son, Ben and his wife Jenny, participated last year and had a great time (who won Dale?). More information TBA.

>The Concours d'Elegance at Ault Park will be held on Sunday, June 10. Richard Pratt noted that officials will reserve parking for the Healeys outside the gate, and OVAHC members can purchase tickets at a discounted price.

>>>Skip Jackson, Bob Duffey and Don Klein will be attending the rescheduled September Roundup planning committee meeting in Richmond, IN and will report results.

**Delegate:** Don Klein informed the Leadership meeting is March 16, 17, 18 in Chicago. He is unable to attend due to his work schedule. The Louisville Bluegrass Club's fourth Conclave will be held June 17-22. Their hospitality is incomparable.

>>>If you register before February 29, you'll receive a Kentucky Woods Bourbon Barrel Cake (made with seven-year aged Kentucky bourbon!). Highlighted events include lunch and a day of racing in Millionaire's Row at Churchill Downs, Ladies Tea, Party Barn and Country Buffet and Awards Banquet. [www.austinhealeyconclave.com](http://www.austinhealeyconclave.com) The OVAHC will be running the Conclave Autocross. Don requests member assistance for one day only, Monday.

**New Business:** Dale Ballinger reported Doug Menkhaus will continue to publish the **Newsleak** in color, and print envelopes. Dale will staple, fold, stuff envelopes and mail the newsletters. He mailed a total of 26 January **Newsleaks**.

>>>Bob Duffey noted that OVAHC activities reported in the newsletter have not been selected for publication in the Healey Marque column, Healey Chatter. Dale Ballinger had e-mailed the columnist, Charlie Moshell, inquiring about the oversight in reporting any of a number of OVAHC activities.

>>>John and Janet Parrott were unable to attend, but called to notify that the OVAHC business cards are ready. Anyone wanting to receive them prior to the next meeting can contact John or Janet at 1-513-876-3085.

**New Business:** Jake Jacobs announced the OVAHC Driver's Training/Gymkhana at Live Oaks Vocational School in Milford, OH is scheduled for three Sundays: June 24 July 22 August 24  
Other sites are under consideration (i.e. Cincinnati Mall, formerly Forest Fair Mall) for September, and possibly October.

>>>Dale informed his Jensen Healey engine was pulled last week. Compression was checked at 9:00 am and engine was swinging on the hoist before noon. He thanked all: Bernie and Mary Ann Grabow, Curt Lang, Gayle Loos, Bob Merten and Richard Pratt for their assistance and ongoing help to troubleshoot and reassemble the engine.

>>>Skip Jackson proposed a new concise, more readable format in the newsletter to highlight and list all local car events.

>> A reminder that the next OVAHC meeting will be Monday, March 12 at Dave Norman's shop at 6:00 pm for an informal tech session on welding, kick tires at 7:00 pm, and the meeting at 8:00 pm. Directions will be in this Newsleak.

>Skip Jackson closed the meeting, again thanking Bob and Pat Duffey for their hosting hospitality, followed by much applause.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Loos, Stand-In Secretary

MESSAGE FROM JAKE JACOBS: John, Jeff and I are planning on going to the Carlisle Import and Kit car weekend May 18-20 to look for British, Opel and Fiero parts if any one is interested, we would have an open seat.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 10.....Dinner at Henke Winery  
 March 12..... Meeting at Dave's Garage  
 March 21..... Doran's garage (see page 6)  
 March 25..... Leprechaun Run Road Rally  
 April 21..... Car show at NKU  
 April 27.....Tour of Air Museum Wright-Patterson  
 June 10..... Concourse d-Elegance, Ault Park  
 June 17-22.....Conclave in Louisville, KY  
                   OVAHC official event &Gymkhana [www.healeyclub.org](http://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](http://www.ciahc.com)  
 October 15..... Cruise In at Spring Grove Cemetary [www.Springgrove.org](http://www.Springgrove.org)



## MEETINGS 2012

March: Dave Norman  
 April: Menkhaus  
 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:



A few “retired” members of the club got together in Bernie’s garage to work on Dale’s engine. Now...waiting for parts—many of them—so they can put it back together.

Out of the car and on to the hook!



# March meeting—Dave Normans

The monthly OVAHC meeting will be Monday, March 12 at D.V.N. Fabricators in Elmwood Place. 6:00 PM for a welding tech session. 7:00 to kick tires and tour the shop. 8:00 for the meeting. Address is 303 Township Street Cincinnati, OH 45216 and phone number is (513) 242-1070. Parking is along the railroad tracks or wherever Dave points you towards. Bring lawn chairs and if the weather is nice we may sit outside. He has a hydraulic lift, bead blaster, brake, shear, milling machine, tools, welders, and more. This is our biannual meeting for all gear heads. Club provides pop, beer, and snacks. *Some ladies may want to take a side trip to Rookwood Commons for shopping?*

**DIRECTIONS:** These are necessary because the ramps off 75 are only for northbound traffic.

## FROM THE SHARONVILLE AREA:

Take I-75 south to the Paddock Road exit # 9.

Turn left onto Paddock and go about one mile.

Turn right onto Towne Street, which becomes Township Street when you pass under I-75.

Go 1/4 mile more and DVN is on the left immediately after you cross the railroad tracks.

## FROM DOWNTOWN CINCY OR I74:

Get on I75 north and go past the Norwood Lateral.

Take the next exit # 8 for Towne Street.

Go to the end of the ramp and turn left on Towne.

It becomes Township Street when you go under I75.

Go 1/4 mile more and DVN is on the left immediately after you cross the railroad tracks.

## FROM I71 OR THE EASTSIDE:

Get on the Norwood Lateral = Route 562 and go westbound.

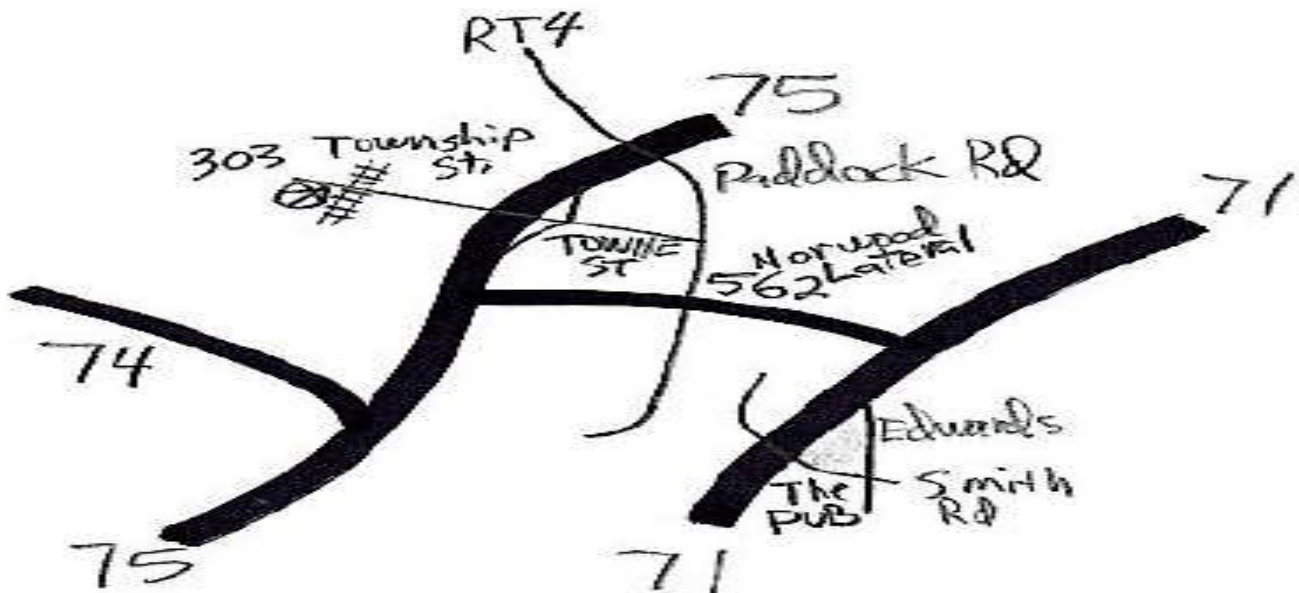
Take the Paddock Road exit off Route 562.

Turn right at the end of the ramp and go 1/2 mile north to Towne Street.

Turn left and DVN is 1/2 mile down on the left immediately after you cross the railroad tracks.

When you leave to go home you can go back across the railroad tracks and take the ramp to I-75 north. If you are heading back to I71 or I74 or I75 south, then stay on Towne Street to Paddock Road. Turn right onto Paddock Road and go 1/2 mile south to the Norwood Lateral = Route 562. The first ramp to the right is for westbound 562 to I-75 south and then down to I74.

The next ramp past the overpass to the left is for eastbound 562 to I71.







Join us in Louisville!

June 17-22, 2012

[AustinHealeyConclave.com](http://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](http://www.2012conclave.com) for complete information about this year's exciting Conclave Event.

## ACTIVITIES: OVAHC Tour of the Air Force Museum

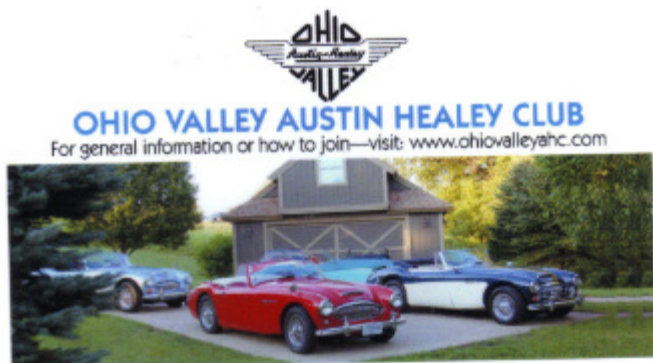
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The AM tour features presidential and experimental aircraft at the Presidential and Research Development Galleries. No reservations required. First come, first served. There will be more info in the April Newsleak.

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

## Front & back of OVAHC business card



OVAHC is affiliated with the Austin Healey Club of America [www.healeyclub.org](http://www.healeyclub.org)

# Activities: Trip to Doran Enterprises

OVAHC Tour of Doran Racing Announcement for 6:00 PM on Wednesday, March 21:

**"Doran Enterprises** has a long tradition of excellence on and off the race track. The Lebanon, Ohio-based company is widely regarded as one of the best operations ever in endurance sports car racing. It has a proven history of excellent return for its motorsports marketing partners and customers.

Doran Racing has prepared and fielded race cars in a wide variety of series for many years, from Indy cars to NASCAR trucks. A DORAN JE4 Daytona Prototype designed and built by Doran Designs won both the team and the driver championships in the Grand-Am Rolex Series in 2003. The marque finished third in the car constructors' standings in 2004, 2005 and 2006, and fourth in 2007.

Under Kevin Doran's direction in 1998, the Doran Racing-prepared MOMO Ferrari was the first and only team in U.S. history to win the 24 Hours at Daytona, the 12 Hours of Sebring and the Watkins Glen Six-Hour race in the same year."



If you are not working (like retirees etc) you are invited to meet at about 4:00 PM for a late lunch at Houston Inn before the six o'clock Doran tour. I will be there at four o'clock. We will leave there about 5:45.

"Welcome to the famous Houston Inn, one of Southern Ohio's most popular eateries serving top quality food and spirits."

4026 U.S. 42, Lebanon, OH 45036 (513) 398-7377 [www.froglegking.com](http://www.froglegking.com)

Menu online at <http://www.thehoustonrestaurant.com/pages/Menus/default/2/>

From I-75 area of West Chester directions:

Take exit # 22 for Tylersville Rd and turn east towards Mason and go 2.7 miles.

Turn left onto Reading Rd Route 42 west go 0.8 mile.

Turn right to follow US-42 N/W Main St and continue on US-42 N/w for 2.3 miles.

Houston will be on the right side just past Rt 741.

From I-71 going north from Cincinnati directions:

Take exit # 25 for OH-741 / Kinngs Mill Road and bear right onto Kings Mills Road.

Then continue on Kings Mill Road for 0.4 more.

Turn left on Columbia Road, should be the second left.

Go 1 mile and turn left onto Mason Morrow Millgrove Road and go 1.8 miles.

Turn right onto Route 42 and Houston Inn is 0.2 mile on the right side.

## To get from Houston Inn to Doran :

Turn left from the parking lot of Houston Inn onto Route 42 and go under 0.1 mile.

Turn left onto Mason Morrow Millgrove Road and go 1.7 miles.

Turn left onto Columbia Road and go 0.7 mile.

Turn left onto McKinley Blvd and go 0.2 mile and Doran is on the right side.

**Please arrive at Doran Enterprises Inc. near Lebanon, Ohio at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, March 21. A little after six Dave Doran will lead us on a sixty minute tour of the fabrication and race shop. This is a rare chance to see up close how a professional race team operates.**

Doran Enterprises Inc  
2050 McKinley Boulevard  
Lebanon, OH 45036

<http://www.doranracing.com/>





Please use a GPS or Mapquest to allow your departure time to be there close to six o'clock. Rush hour in Cincinnati is terrible, so adjust your schedule accordingly, please. The address is 2050 McKinley Blvd. Lebanon, Ohio 45036. See the directions below, please.

#### Directions from I-71 to Doran Enterprises:

Go north on I-71 towards the second Kings Island exit.  
 Take exit # 25 for Kings Mills Rd/OH-741 and bear right.  
 Turn right onto Kings Mills Rd and go 0.4 mile.  
 Take the 2nd left onto Columbia Rd and go 1 mile.  
 Turn left onto Co Rd 38/Mason Rd/Mason Morrow Millgrove Rd, go 0.1 mile.  
 Take the 1st right onto Columbia Rd/Co Rd 15 and go 0.7 mile.  
 Take the 1st left onto McKinley Blvd and destination will be on the right 0.2 mile.



#### Directions from I-75 to Doran Enterprises:

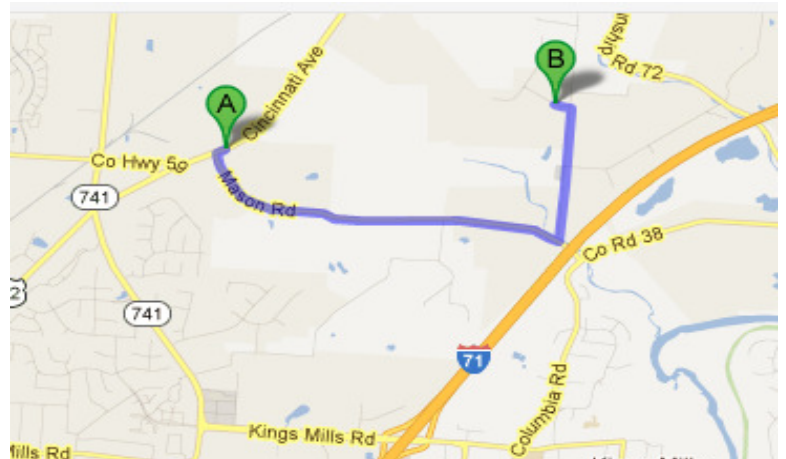
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 Turn right to follow US-42 N/W Main St and continue on US-42 N/w for 2.2 miles.  
 Turn right onto Mason Morrow Millgrove and go 1.7 miles.  
 Turn left onto Columbia Road and go 0.7 mile.  
 Take the 1st left onto McKinley Blvd and 2050 MCKINLEY BLVD is 0.2 miles on the right.

Afterwards we may caravan to the famous Houston Inn for dinner. They have frog legs, seafood, steaks, and more.

#### To get from Doran to Houston Inn:

Turn left from the parking lot of Doran onto McKinley Blvd and go 0.2 mile.  
 Turn right onto Columbia Road and go 0.7 mile.  
 Turn right onto Mason Morrow Millgrove Road and go 1.7 miles.  
 Turn right onto Route 42 and go under 0.1 mile and Houston Inn is on the right side.

Fellow OVAHC members, surely the fact that they are still in the racing business after all these years is proof that they know what they are doing. They were in Daytona in January and will be in Alabama in late March. Homestead, FL in April, New Jersey in May and more to come. You can follow them on the Speed Channel. They have various cars in the shop for your inspection and enjoyment. Like the Grand AM Dallara that **won** the 2002 24 Hours of Daytona, 2005 Porsche ALMS prototype Spyder, 3 Doran JE-4 Daytona prototypes, a newer Dallara Doran, and a Sports 2000 Doran JE-1 Ford engined SCCA racer car number 007. Won't you join us on an exciting and informative trip?



Activity Coordinator,  
 Dale Ballinger



## Activities: Henke Winery 3/10 & go cart racing 4/15



Meet there on Saturday, March 10 at 6:00 PM. Reservations 6:00

*“Sit back and relax at this family-owned winery. Henke features 15 different varietals – whites, reds, sparkling and blush wines – crafted on the premises, plus a full service restaurant with coffee service also. Enjoy tastings, tours, and meals at this unique establishment. The menu includes appetizers, soups, New York strip steaks, filet mignon salmon, chicken and deluxe salads. Sit, Sip, and Savor.”*

3077 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45211 - (513) 662-9463

[www.henkewine.com](http://www.henkewine.com)

### Directions to Henke Winery:

Take I-75 to just north of Cincinnati.  
Take exit 4 to merge onto I-74 W.  
After only 1.9 miles take exit 17 for Montana Avenue.  
Turn left onto Montana Ave and go 2 miles.  
Turn right onto Harrison Ave.  
Henke Winery will be 0.1 mile on the left.

Using I-275 take exit # 28 for I-74 East towards Cincinnati.  
Go 5.1 miles more and take exit # 14 for North Bend Road.  
Go west on North Bend Road for 2 miles.  
Turn left onto Harrison Ave and go one half mile.  
Henke Winery will be on the right.

Outing being hosted by Don Klein.



April 15 @ 1PM

### Full Throttle Indoor Karting

Industry leading indoor karting in the Cincinnati area. 11725 Commons Dr. Springdale, OH 45246 <http://www.cincykarting.com/>

Email: [info@cincykarting.com](mailto:info@cincykarting.com)

Phone: 513-341-KART

Its \$20 per race or \$17 if we have 8 or more.

Show up...race...and enjoy lunch after at a local restaurant!

## About Concours d' Elegance

The Ault Park Concours d'Elegance is one of the most anticipated classic car show events in the United States. The Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization manages the event with all proceeds benefiting The Arthritis Foundation, with a special focus on Juvenile Arthritis (JA). To find out more about The Ault Park Concours d' Elegance, or to order tickets call 513-321-1951 or visit <http://www.ohioconcours.com>. For more information about The Arthritis Foundation, go to <http://www.arthritis.org/>.

## To National and Local Members,

I just received the following email from our National Membership Director, Mike Schneider.

Please take care of your National dues as well as Local, I don't want anyone left out of the National Directory since they may only publish every other year after this one.

It is nice to carry the directory with you when traveling, just in case of a problem or just to stop and see (or call) another member when you are in their area.