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# Newsleak

## January minutes

February 2013

The January 12, 2013 OVAHC meeting was opened by **President** Jon Andorn. **Vice President** Dale Ballinger was unable to attend due to his work schedule.

**Treasurer** Pat Duffey said a record number of club members have paid their dues prior to January 15 which will be welcome news for National Membership Chair Mike Schneider. The Club account is solvent. **REMINDER: Membership 2013 dues need to be paid.**

>>>Don Klein informed **Activities Coordinator** Dale Ballinger sent the message that there are no activities currently scheduled. September Roundup will be September 20-22, 2013 at the Holiday Inn in Worthington, OH. Kentucky Scottish Weekend at Butler State Park will not be held this year. Mary Ann added that Dale would like to revisit the Herbst Tour in Camp Springs, KY [www.campssprings.com](http://www.campssprings.com) held annually in October on a Sunday. Participating club members reported great back roads drive and tours of home, wineries and farms. Don Klein suggested a revisit to Henke Winery [www.henkewine.com](http://www.henkewine.com) for a February activity scheduling for Saturday, February 9. Club members will be notified of specific time in the February issue. Bob Duffey suggested, in lieu of Canadian Conclave attendance, a group plan a trip to mid-Ohio, June 28-30 for the Vintage Grand Prix.

Hazel informed the progressive dinner has been scheduled for Saturday, June 8. Future events include the Dayton British Car Show in August and Concours d'Elegance at Ault Park June 9, 2013.

**Technical Support:** Bernie Grabow informed several current projects:

Tim Ross needs transmission, synchronizers, clutch and brake work. Skip Jackson's Bugeye is scheduled for an engine swap Tuesday, January 15. A session at John Parrot's to fit the front end onto the frame is scheduled Monday, January 14. A nonmember contacted Bernie for a recommendation of a shop to work on his car. Bernie suggested several club members could diagnose his car issues and possibly get the car back on the road. He decided to wait until he gets his car into a warehouse he owns. He's not called Bernie as yet.

**Secretary:** Nancy Hall is enjoying snowbird status in sunny Florida.

**Club Historian:** Judy Chamberlain is also recreating in The Sunshine State.

**New Business:** Don Klein (delegate info) said North Carolina has requested OVAHC to do the Autocross for the 2014 Conclave. A member majority voted passed to plan and implement an Autocross. Don requested our club be compensated by the North Carolina AHC for the Autocross. It will be at an interesting location on a mountaintop airport runway. The 2014 Conclave will be June 15-19 in

# January minutes continued

Homestead, VA. Discussion continues for a possible National Club merge with the Pacific Center. There is consideration for a 2015 Conclave held near Harrison, PA with the Sports and Touring Healey Club (their conclave is called Encounter), to work with the National Club.

>>>Skip Jackson noted the Winter 2013 edition of Moss Motoring has an interesting article on Big Healeys.

>>>Jake Jacobs informed his son Jon, along with Jeff Prada would like to have an OVAHC conclave. They would like more driving-oriented activities (i.e. plan for two autocrosses—one a tight course, the other a more open course). Jon and Jeff would plan and organize, with OVAHC member assistance to guide and implement. Jon would like to hold it earlier in June. Don Klein suggested that Jon contact Jim Frakes (Central Indiana AHC), Conclave Coordinator. Tim Ross motioned to assemble an ad hoc committee to discuss the Conclave proposal including scheduling a date. Bernie Grabow seconded the motion. Jake offered that he would take the Finance Chair position.

>>> Hazel Klein stated that it's unnecessary for OVAHC meeting hosts to prepare a menu that's a more labor-intensive meal than less time-consuming snack foods. It may discourage potential members from hosting if they don't have time to prepare more than snack food items.

>>>Tim Ross passed around Miata Club items (door magnets, lapel pins, interior window logo clings) as examples of items that could be made for OVAHC, if interested. He said the door magnet is a nice club display on drives.

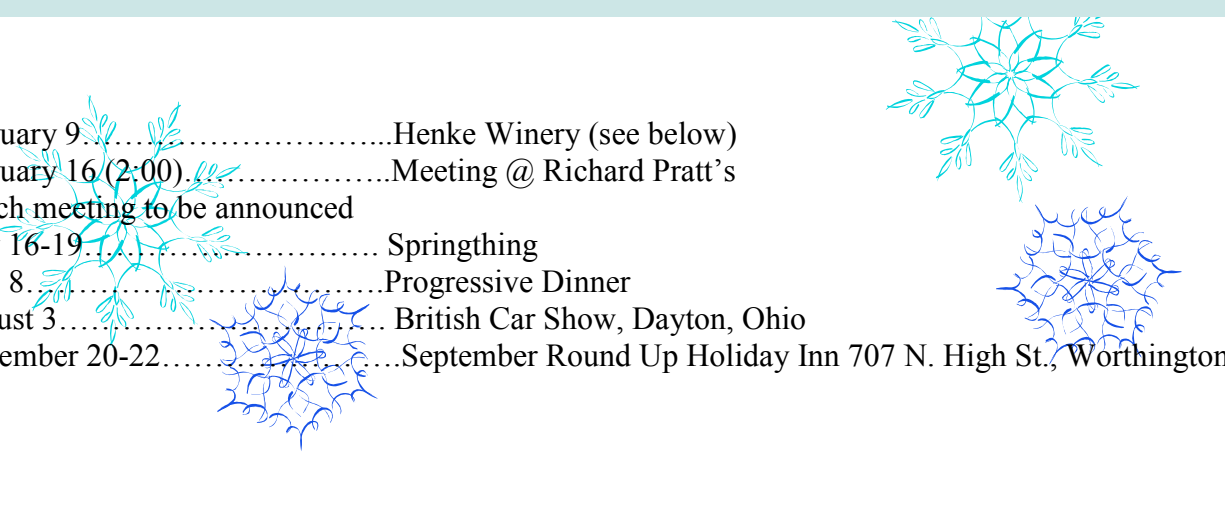
**Old Business:** Bernie recalled from the previous meeting, consideration of having our club officers local dues paid for the work and time required by their positions. Discussion about that compensation with regard to dwindling treasury concerns and future needs for additional funds. (As a possible Conclave host, a considerable amount would be needed for initial funding.) At this time the Autocross is the only substantial source of income. A majority voted to continue the local dues payment plan.

>>>**President** Jon Andorn thanked Don and Hazel for hosting the meeting, with much appreciative group applause.

A reminder that the next OVAHC meeting will be Saturday, February 16, 2013 at Richard Pratt's at 2:00 pm.

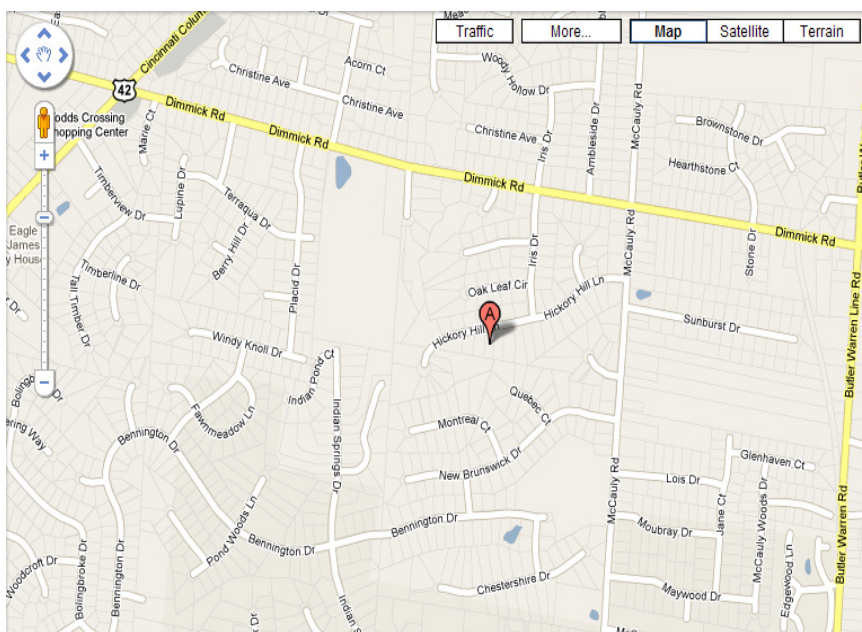
Respectfully submitted, Cindy Loos, Stand-In Secretary

## Calendar



February 9.....	Henke Winery (see below)
February 16 (2:00).....	Meeting @ Richard Pratt's
March meeting to be announced	
May 16-19.....	Springthing
June 8.....	Progressive Dinner
August 3.....	British Car Show, Dayton, Ohio
September 20-22.....	September Round Up Holiday Inn 707 N. High St., Worthington, OH

# February Meeting: Richard Pratt's



Saturday, February 16, 2013 OVAHC meeting day starting at 2:00 PM  
7927 Hickory Hill Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45241-1363 phone 513-755-0049

The February 2013 meeting is at Richard Pratt's house. The address is listed above if you want to mapquest it or put it in your GPS.

From I-75 you should take exit # 16 and go east on I-275 towards Sharon Woods. Then take exit # 46 for 42 / Lebanon Road exit and turn north. Then go 1.8 miles to Dimmick Road and turn right there at the UDF. Go down Dimmick for 0.9 miles and turn right onto Iris Drive for 0.2 miles. Turn right on Hickory Hill. Look for Richard's house down on the left.

If you are using I-71 from Cincinnati follow signs for exit 17 to merge onto I-275 West towards Sharon Woods. And / or if you are on I-275 going west past 71 then you should get off at the Reed Hartman Hwy exit # 47 and go north. Turning right onto Reed Hartman Hwy for 0.6 miles. Then turn right onto Fields Ertel Road for 0.5 miles. Then turn left onto McCaully Road and go 0.9 miles. Turn left onto Hickory Hill Lane and Richard's is on the left.

Call if you are lost or have problems to the number listed above. Hope to see you at the meeting. It will begin at 2:00 on February 16 to kick tires (this is a Saturday) and the meeting will begin at 3:00. Richard will also invite you to join for a post meeting late lunch at the Back Porch Saloon around 4:30 PM. It is a favorite and you will want to be there!

**Print this page if you want directions for the whole meeting and dinner day.**

Leave Richard's and go back 200 feet on Hickory Hill Lane toward Iris Drive and turn take the 1st left onto Iris Drive for 0.2 miles.

Turn left at the stop sign onto Dimmick Road and cross Route 42 and go a total of 0.9 miles and then it jogs right to stay on Dimmick Road and go 0.9 miles and it jogs left to stay on Dimmick Road for 0.2 miles until you get to Cincinnati - Dayton Road. Turn left onto Cincinnati Dayton Road for only 0.1 miles and then take the 1st right onto Union Centre Blvd for 1.0 mile. Turn left onto Muhlhauser Road crossing over a bridge above I-75 and go 2.2 miles. You will see the Back Porch Saloon on the left just before Route 747.

After eating go left out of B.P.S. parking lot onto Mulhauser Road and then turn left immediately at the light onto Route 747 south. Drive to I-275 near Tri-County Shopping Mall and find your way home

. The Back Porch Saloon 9626 Princeton-Glendale Rd West Chester, OH 45011  
513.874.2432  
<http://www.back-porch-saloon.net/>



# Activities:

Meet there on Saturday, February 9 at 4:00 PM. Reservations will be made if you contact Skip Jackson at [son.skip@yahoo.com](mailto:son.skip@yahoo.com) or 513-720-7547 as soon as you decide. We had a nice dinner there last year in March.

"Sit back and relax at this family owned winery. Henke features 15 different varieties - 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 West.  
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.

NOTE: There's no 74 exit for Montana eastbound, and no ramp to go back west.

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.  
Turn right to go south/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 Skip Jackson



## Meetings 2013

February— Pratt  
March—**plans being made for activity**  
April—Jackson  
May—Chamberlain  
June 9 Saturday — (progressive dinner)

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



# Laugh

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of an Austin Healey in his shop when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop.

The surgeon was there, waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his Jaguar.

The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey, Doc, can I ask you a question?"

The surgeon a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the Healey. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, fix 'em, put 'em back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic...

"Try doing it with the engine running."



## Best Driving Songs (Moss Motors)



- 1) **Radar Love**, Golden Earring
- 2) **On the Road Again**, Willie Nelson
- 3) **Take It Easy**, The Eagles
- 4) **Born to be Wild**, Steppenwolf
- 5) **Take Me Home Country Road**, John Denver
- 6) **Hot Rod Lincoln**, Commander Cody and the Lost Planet Airmen
- 7) **Low Rider**, War
- 8) It's a four way tie:

**Running Down a Dream**, Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers; **Jessica**, Allman Brothers; **I can't Drive 55**, Sammy Hagar and **Everybody Wants to Rule The World**, Tears for Fears



## CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

National Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Spouse First Name

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CAR INFO \_\_\_\_\_  
(New member or any car changes) YEAR TYPE SERIAL #

The National Austin-Healey Club of America membership is \$65 due by **January 15<sup>th</sup>** each year (this includes your local dues). National members will receive the monthly **Healey-Marque** an award-winning magazine, a national directory, a calendar, and our local monthly **Newsleak** with information about our club's activities. Local only Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club members (who are not national members) dues are \$20 due by **January 15<sup>th</sup>**. Local only members receive only our monthly **Newsleak**. New members, please pay dues with registration. 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](http://www.healeyclub.org/join-paydues.aspx) Pay local dues to OVAHC at address above.

Choose an option for your OVAHC newsletter. (Electronic is recommended.)

☐ I want only the *Newsleak* electronic version. This saves our club's funds.

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

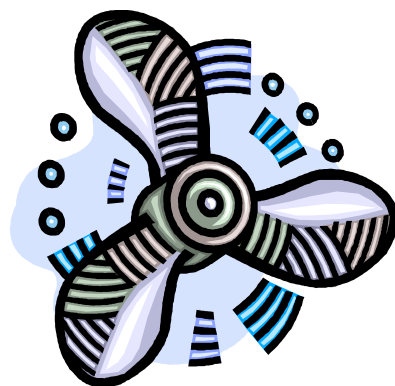
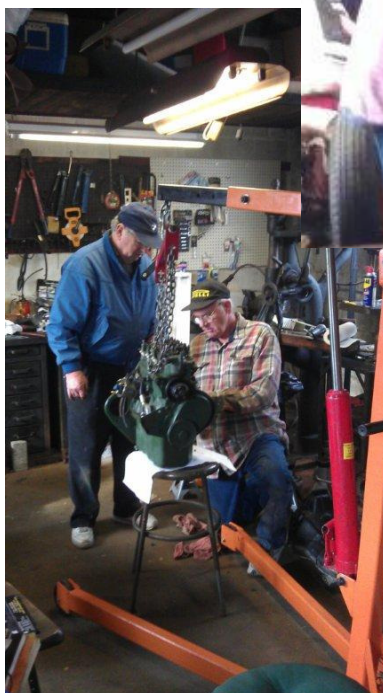
# Tech Session #1:

A big THANK YOU to the four OVAHC members who came by the Ross home in Eastgate on a beautiful Tuesday afternoon (1/8/13) to help Tim with problems on his BJ7. First to stop by was John Parrot, then Gayle Loos, Richard Pratt and Bob Merten. Richard drove Tim's Healey around the block and confirmed lack of gearbox synchronizers and clutch, plus the brakes are poor. With this added to the overdrive solenoid that shorted out, and the rear main seal leaking; a transmission removal and rebuild is in order. The guys also busied themselves with realigning the hood and latch, and attaching the cable for fresh air to the cockpit. We then had a few beers from our new local Mt. Caramel microbrewery, and a Gayle and Richard stayed for an early beef stew dinner. Again, thanks for the guys coming over, and for Bernie making the arrangements. This is a great welcome for a new club member. - Tim and Bobbi Ross



# Tech Session #2:

Seven guys welding jacks, wrenches, screw drivers, drills etc removed the engine and transmission and installed the new. Its humbling and inspiring to see so many doing so much work for a friend. All went well and the engine started but the oil pressure was low. We should have it moving by the end of the 1/24 Tech day.







After 42 Years, a Stolen Austin-Healey  
Is Back Where It Belongs  
By John Webber  
From Issue January 2013 of *Classic Motorsports*

Bob Russell agrees that getting his stolen Healey back after 42 years was a dream come true, but he never expected the media explosion that followed. When the story really got cranked up, the calls got so bad he had to turn off his cell phone. Even then, reporters managed to track him down. What started as a small story in "The Dallas Morning News" spread to hundreds of newspapers worldwide, including publications in Australia, Russia and India. Network and cable television played the story, too. Hundreds of local stations across the country picked it up. Diane Sawyer aired a segment on "ABC World News." Jay Leno did a funny bit on "The Tonight Show." The Internet buzzed as bloggers chatted about it. Car boards lit up and links appeared. Voices on Twitter weighed in.

Videos appeared on You Tube. Bob and his wife Cindy were overwhelmed. Why all the interest?

Well, theirs was a captivating tale of extraordinary luck, fortunate timing, dogged perseverance, improbable twists and good old-fashioned police work in two cities 2400 miles apart. Even for people who didn't know an Austin-Healey from an Acura, this feel-good story shone like a headlight in a tunnel of dark news. "You're kidding," folks said. "After 42 years? No way." Who could possibly even remember what he was driving four decades ago? And after all that time, who could piece the puzzle together and buck the odds until he got his car back? Well, Bob Russell could-and did.

In 1969, Bob bought a 1967 BJ8 from his best friend, who had purchased it new. "I bought the car on a lark," he says, "and I grew to like it." Then a graduate student at Temple University in Philadelphia, Bob drove the Healey every day. He and his girlfriend-now his wife-Cindy, enjoyed their first date in that car. For them, it was indeed a fun ride. Bob generally parked his prize in a lot, but one September night in 1970, he left it on the street. The next morning, it was gone.

"I got that sick feeling," he remembers. He immediately filed a theft report, but the police didn't offer much hope for recovery- and they were right. The car never turned up. The timing couldn't have been worse. Bob had just returned from a trip to Europe to find he had lost his graduate assistantship. So to cut expenses, he dropped the Healey's theft insurance. With no coverage, he was out about \$3000. "That was stupid," he admits. The loss of the car was a huge financial hit.

The Healey's theft also affected Bob's life in another way: "I was considering dropping out of graduate school," he says. "That Healey was my escape car. Without it, I decided to stay and finish." Stolen Healey or not, Bob's life moved on. He and Cindy got married and had a daughter. He embarked on a career in sales, and Cindy became an English teacher. Through the years, they packed up and moved around the country four times, finally ending up near Fort Worth, Texas. Bob continued to play with other fun cars, including a 1965 Corvette coupe and later a 2002 Porsche 911. He enjoyed a couple of motorcycles, too.

(To be continued next month)