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Newsleak

February minutes

March 2013

The February 16, 2013 OVAHC meeting held at Richard Pratt's, was initially opened by **Vice President** Dale Ballinger.

Treasurer/Membership Pat Duffey announced the Club had sent a donation to Saving Grace last August. Pat sent another letter inquiring about the check never being cashed. Pat received no response and has added the donation back to Club funds. If anyone has other Saving Grace contact information, inform Pat and she will reissue a check. Pat maintains a current OVAHC Membership list and can be contacted for any questions about dues payment. She informed that Club members have paid their dues promptly. Pat has sent a check to National Membership Chair Mike Schneider and would like to send him only one more collective amount for the remaining five local members who have not paid their AH National dues. The National Club has requested lump sum payment checks from each of the clubs to reduce their fee charge for each individual check cashed.

>>>A brief discussion followed about requiring membership, at minimum, the local level, for individuals requesting tech assistance. **Tech Director** Bernie Grabow wants to continue providing tech support to any Healey owner, regardless of member status, to help keep their cars on the road. Dale added that there is no Club cost for tech sessions.

President Jon Andorn arrived to conduct the remainder of the meeting and thanked **Vice President** Dale Ballinger for officiating.

Secretary: Reportedly, Nancy Hall is enjoying bicycle touring in Fort Myers, Florida.

Club Historian: Likely kayaking in temperate Floridian waters.

Activities Coordinator Dale Ballinger announced future events: The next activity (not a Club event), is the Leprechaun Run on Saturday, April 6 at 1:00 PM. Registration is a \$25 tax-deductible donation per car, benefitting The League for Animal Welfare. The 2-3 hour 80-mile back roads drive is a "fill-in-the-blank" rally in Northern Kentucky with a variety of vehicle types participating. The rally ends at Molly Malone's in Covington with door prizes and a traveling trophy awarded. This year participation is limited to the first 50 cars. OVAHC members have participated, and reported a challenging fun event. More info in the March Newsleak and www.cincysports.com The Southeastern Classic XXVII is on Amelia Island, FL, April 4-7 www.sjahc.com A small group of Club members are considering attending. This will not be an official Club event. Skip Jackson has provided information on two events: National Grease Car Club Meet, late May in Hot Springs, AK and British Return to Fort Meigs Car Show, Sunday, June 2 at the Fort Meigs Historical Site, Rt. 65, Perrysburg, OH. More at: <http://www.lebecc.org> Concours D'Elegance in Ault Park will be held on Sunday, June 9. More info about this premier car show at: <http://www.ohioconcours.com> The annual Dayton Car Show will be Saturday, August 3. The annual Rising Sun Car Show is to be announced. An official Club event will be the annual Bluegrass AHC Springthing scheduled for May16-

February minutes continued

19. Members can choose to caravan on back roads or freeways. Dale thanked everyone (16 Club members) who enjoyed good company, conversations, wine tastings and dinner at the Heinke Winery.

Editor: Mary Ann Grabow had no current concerns.

Delegate: Don Klein will be attending a Leadership meeting in March. A few topics for discussion will include insurance issues, and working with other clubs.

Technical Support: Bernie Grabow informed, Skip Jackson's Bugeye had a frozen oil pump. Work will resume when ordered parts are received. Tim Ross' transmission is on Richard Pratt's workbench. Former Club member Tom Osborne, with renewed Healey interest, has a request for assistance to get his Healey back on the road. Contact Bernie to schedule any work.

Old Business: Club Autocross dates are not available yet. It's confirmed that OVAHC will be hosting the 2014 September RoundUp. Preparations for planning will begin soon. The Club is exploring the possibility of hosting the 2016 Conclave.

Skip Jackson received a request from the Mid-Ohio AHC (Columbus), hosts of the 2013 September RoundUp, held September 20-22, for unused lanyards/nametags. Club members can bring them to the March meeting and he'll send them to Mid-Ohio Club. Skip thanked all tech assistants for their great help working on "my little car".

New Business: Jon Andorn was contacted by a Nationwide Auto Transport representative who is interested in being an OVAHC website sponsor and paying for a Nationwide link on the OVAHC website. After some discussion, Don Klein offered to make contact and also, present this at Leadership meeting regarding any liability. An Evansville, IN resident has BJ8 parts for sale. Dale Ballinger will e-mail members with the list of items.

>>>Dale proposed the March OVAHC meeting be held at Ron's Garage aka Salty Dog Race Shop in Shandon, OH. A small Model T museum is in the shop. A \$1.00 donation is requested for the museum. The meeting will be Saturday, March 9. Club members should arrive at 10:30-11:00 AM to see the museum/kick tires. The meeting will be at 12 Noon.

After the meeting, lunch will be at Eli's Sports Bar & Grill

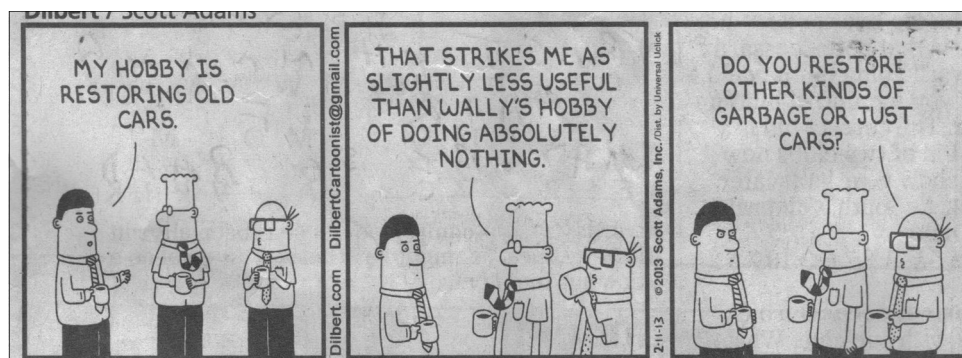
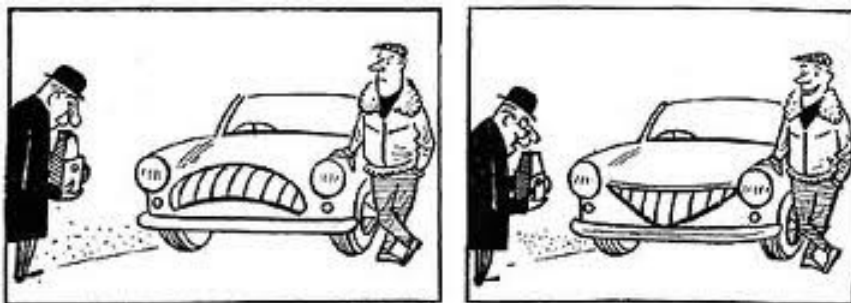
www.elissportsbar.com Directions to the meeting will be in the Newsleak.

President Jon Andorn thanked Richard Pratt for hosting the meeting, followed by rousing applause.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Loos, Stand-In Secretary



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Tech crew strikes again!



A group of Emergency Healey Technicians meet on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 in Richard's basement. With Richard as the brain man, Gayle, Bob M., Dale, Skip, and Tim disassembled his BJ-8 transmission. Cleaned it up, inspected the inside gears, and parts are now on order. Assembly to follow.

Thanks to all who helped and organized. As it turned out, there was a BJ8 transmission in my BJ7. Probably, most of my problems were due to a BJ7 pressure plate in front of the BJ8 transmission – causing the clutch disc to continuously slip. Also the solenoid for the overdrive was out of adjustment and did not switch to the low-current holding coil when engaged. This was probably what burned out some of the overdrive wiring. The only bad gear was first, but the normally replaced bearings, synchros, seals and gaskets will be ordered. The overdrive looked good except that the oil was probably never changed. Regards - Tim

Calendar

March 9 Saturday.....See above for details
April 6.....Annual Leprechaun run www.cincysportscar.com
May 16-19.....Springthing
May 26.....Gymkhana
June 23.....Gymkhana
June 28.....Mid Ohio Vintage Races weekend
July 14.....Gymkhana
August 3.....British Car Show, Dayton, Ohio
September 1.....Gymkhana
September 20-22.....September Round Up Holiday Inn 707 N. High St., Worthington, OH
September 29.....Gymkhana
October 13.....Spring Grove car show
October 20.....Herbst tour and OVAHC drive, Camp Springs, KY



SpringThing

Join us May 16-19, 2013!

Name _____

Guest _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Car 1 _____ Car 2 _____

Club Affiliation _____

Is this your first SpringThing? YES NO

_____ Registration - \$60 (includes two adults)

_____ Claudia Sanders Dinner House - \$25 (per person)

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Bluegrass Austin-Healey Club

Mail registration and payment to:

Mike Schneider
3416 Barbour Lane
Louisville, KY 40241

For more information visit,
www.BluegrassClub.com or
email Ben.Moore@mac.com or call
(502) 797-5652.

Thursday & Friday - \$80
Holiday Inn Express - Shelbyville
110 Club House Drive, Shelbyville, KY
(502) 647-0109

Saturday - \$80
Best Western Parkside Inn - Frankfort
80 Chenault Road Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 695-6111

March Meeting♥

March Meeting for OVAHC in Shandon, Ohio

We have been invited to hold our next meeting in a Model T & A Museum in the small town of Shandon, Ohio on Saturday, March 9 starting around 10:45 to kick tires and noon for the meeting. Ron's Garage aka "Salty Dog Race Shop" has a small museum in the back where they have some chairs. If you have room in your car, I would advise bringing a folding or bag chair, just in case. They have asked for a small donation of a \$1 each person. We would not be having our usual drinks or snacks. Bring a cooler if you wish. The club voted to just tour the shop until it closes at noon then move over to the museum to hold the meeting, then go to Eli's Sports Bar back outside Ross at the intersection of Route 128 and US 27. We will enjoy lunch and drinks on our own time and dime.

Ron's Machine shop is located at:
4995 Cincinnati-Brookville Road
Shandon, OH 45063 US

Web site is: ronsmachineshop.net and phone is (513) 738-7353

Ron's Machine Shop
<http://ronsmachineshop.net/Welcome.html>

Eli's Sports Bar web site
<http://www.elissportsbar.com/menu.php>

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Find the best way to get to the top of the **I-275** loop near Northgate.

Take the US-27 / OH-126 / Colerain Ave exit, EXIT 33.

Turn onto Colerain Ave / US-27 / OH-126 **Northbound** and go 5.3 miles.

Take the OH-126 W / OH-128 exit ramp toward Ross / Hamilton.

Notice that Eli's Sports Bar is located there on the right for our lunch spot.

Turn left onto Hamilton Cleves Rd / OH-126 West / OH-128 South and go one mile.

Turn right in Ross onto Cincinnati Brookville Rd / OH-126 carefully and go about 4 miles.

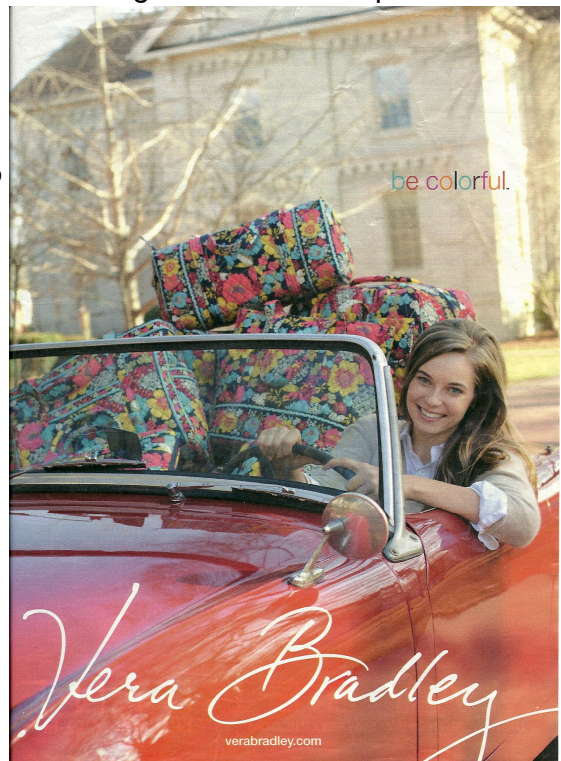
Enter Shandon and go across town until you see Ron's Machine Shop on your left.

Bring these instructions unless you are using GPS (at your own risk) to find your way.

We will reverse the route back to Eli's for lunch around 1:00 PM.



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Activities:



On Saturday, February 9 sixteen OVAHC members enjoyed the tasty food and wine at Henke Winery off Harrison Avenue on the West side. We had the Klein, Pratt, Ballinger, Loos, Ross, Duffey, Grabow & Jackson couples in attendance. The wine was fine, the dinner good, and the desserts better. Hard to beat that combination. Joe Henke took care of us and we could possibly be back again for the third time next year. Thanks to Skip and Joan Jackson for being our hosts.

The Annual Leprechaun Run 7 will be Saturday, April 6, 2013. (This was originally scheduled Sat, March 23rd at our planning meeting) It will start at Fuel Coffee 2726 Riverside Drive Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. This is an annual club event with other car enthusiasts from the Cincinnati area. There is a registration fee of \$25.00 which will benefit the League for Animal Welfare. Details to pay for your registration can be found on line

For more information and discussion, you can find us here on:
cincysportscar.com

NOTE: Only accepting registration for 50 cars so send in your reservation ASAP



Saturday
April 6, 2013
1 PM

Fuel Coffee Cincinnati

2726 Riverside Dr
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Please consider this your formal invitation to join us on the back roads for the seventh running of our annual Saint Patrick's Day celebration known as the Leprechaun Run Road Rally. This rally is a charity fundraiser for a fabulous animal shelter in Clermont County known as the League for Animal Welfare and ALL makes & models of automobiles are invited to participate.

Wondering what this rally is all about? First, take a nice, long back roads drive with your fellow motoring buddies. Second, catch the Leprechaun. Bring a co-pilot and have them take the quiz as you motor along. The one with the most questions correct at the end gets to take home our Leprechaun "idol" for an entire year.

Meetings 2013

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

Skip

My first car was a 1959 MGA purchased in 1963. I bought 1966 MG Midget Mk 3 and drove it through 1969 when I went to Viet Nam. I have owned only four cylinder stick shift cars, MGs, Sumacs, Opals, a Dodge colt, two Plymouth Voyagers and a Dodge Caravan and now an Honda Element and the 1960 A-H Sprite.

I am semi-retired, working on stoves and fire-places to pay for my A-H habit.

Becoming a member of the Ohio Valley A-H Club the best thing I did last year. It is with the greatest gratitude that I acknowledge all the work on my car by the Club. The little Bugeye is running in top condition. This summer I hope to exceed the 3,000 miles I put on the odometer last year, the 3.9 diff. will help a lot.

Joan and I are pre-baby boomers, both born in 1944. She is a semi-retired math professor at Cincinnati State. A Sunbeam Alpine was her daily drive in the late '60's so she has the LBC bug also, her Accord is a six cylinder six speed stick.

Warm Regards, Skip



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Caught in the Act

Barb Pratt at Henke Winery dinner with her awesome dessert....I swear she only took a big bite and then took the rest home! Now...what did she do when she got in the car...nobody saw that!



Car cemetery in France





After 42 Years, a Stolen Austin-Healey
Is Back Where It Belongs
By John Webber
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Part 2

But through the years and household moves, Bob hung on to his Healey's original title and a set of keys. Somehow this car stuck with him (he could always recite the VIN from memory), even though he figured it had been wrecked or chopped up long ago. "I had no hopes of ever finding it," he says. But lack of hope didn't stop him from checking out Healeys. While driving, Bob would always take notice of white BJ8s, and sometimes he would follow one for a closer look. "One time in Washington, D.C.," he recalls, "I must have stared at a car for 45 minutes, trying to find some telltale mark that would show me it was mine." Sadly, he couldn't find one. He always kept his eyes open, occasionally scanning classified ads in newspapers and car magazines. Later, he prowled the Internet, where he checked the BJ8s listed for sale. When eBay gained popularity, he frequently looked at Healey auctions and prices-with no luck. Still, he persisted.

Time passed. Consider the odds of a sleepless night, an eBay auction and a guy with a VIN embedded in his brain for 42 years all coming together at the same instant. "Couldn't happen," you say. Normally you'd be right, but it did. Bob was jet-lagged from a trip and couldn't sleep. So he got up, went into his office, turned on his computer and checked out eBay Motors. "I just happened to click on the auction of a white Healey, and the car's VIN was listed," he says. "I thought, 'Holy shit! That's my car.' I jumped up, pulled out my title and there it was."

The car was listed by a Los Angeles car dealership. Early the next morning, Bob was on the phone. "I basically told them they were selling my car," he said. "They thought I was joking." And then the fun began. Bob is normally an affable guy, but as he puts it, "This got personal." A man of considerable energy, he vowed to do whatever it took to get his Healey back. He also loves a challenge, and he saw this as a wrong that had to be righted. Of course, he couldn't know that his decision would lead to a five-week, stress-filled battle fueled by hundreds of emails, letters and phone calls, a saga that would produce despairing lows and euphoric highs.

After some phone sparring and the exchange of documents, the car dealership's attorney admitted Bob may have an ownership claim. But he insisted, so did the dealership. After all, he said, they had bought the car from a guy in New York who claimed he had owned the car for more than 40 years and who provided a New York title. To Bob, that meant one thing: "Either that guy stole it or bought it from the guy who did." Bob contacted the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and explained the situation. They sympathized, but pointed out that they couldn't help unless the Healey was currently listed as a stolen car.

Bob needed legal advice. In the first of a series of breaks that came his way (this guy should buy Powerball tickets every week), his wife's cousin, Deborah Fishman, happened to be an attorney on the West Coast with the firm of Dickstein Shapiro. When she heard Bob's strange and compelling tale, she agreed to act as his legal advisor, pro bono. Soon she was explaining California law to him and the requirements needed to proceed with a civil case.

California civil law features a well-established code called bona fide purchaser for value. Translated, this means that if a buyer can prove he bought an item in good faith-not knowing it was stolen- he may be able to keep it if an ownership dispute arises. Under this code, Bob feared that proving his ownership would require drawn-out, expensive litigation, with the considerable burden of proof on him. As a compromise, the dealership offered to sell Bob his car at a discount. Naturally, he was not too keen on that idea.

To be continued.....