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NEWSLEAK

APRIL MINUTES

May 2013

The OVAH club April 9, 2013 meeting was opened by Jon Andorn and the Jacksons were thanked for hosting.

President: Jon Andorn introduced new members John Wilberding from Delhi and Troy and Lauren Davidson from West Chester. Applause, applause.

Vice president and Activities director: Dale Ballinger, not present.

Treasurer: Pat Duffey: Our treasury is in good shape. Our club has 44 national members and 9 local members. There are 9 renewals.

Secretary: Nancy Hall: Thank you to Dale Ballinger and Cindy Loos for being the secretaries pro tem. They did a stellar job and their work is much appreciated.

Activities: Dale Ballinger: Not present but a report was given that Bernie, Ben, Mary Ann, Jenny, and Skip did the Leprechaun Run and ended up at Molly Malone's in Covington. Skip has been in touch with John from the Drive Away Cancer group. Remember he has an Austin-Healey named Grace to raise awareness for Cancer treatment and patients.

The Concours de Elegance will be held in Ault Park on Saturday, June 8. There will be a tour of any car on June 7 that will end at the Cincinnati Sign Museum. More info in the Newsleak. Ken Kreuter announced the memorial dedication of the Sgt. David Kreuter highway on April 27. Details in the Newsleak.

Delegate: Don Klein: Don attended a leadership meeting in Indianapolis recently. He will give a full report at the next meeting.

Technical Support: Bernie Grabow: Not present, but Bob Duffey said lot of "techie" things have been going on. Four or five cars have been worked on recently. Richard Pratt said the guys who are working on the cars are the "Swat Team". You guys are giving our club a lot of P.R.

GOOD JOB!!!!

Historian: Judy Chamberlain: No report. (Nice to have Bill and Judy back from Florida)

Old Business: John Jacobs and Jeff Paroda have been working on an outline for possibly having the AH Conclave in Cincinnati in 2016. Foremost is the venue with list of activities i.e. rally, gymkhana, funkahana, car show, and tech sessions. They are thinking of a group repair session as well as an auto-cross. Jake Jacobs said he would be the "financial guru".

Bob Duffey proposed and it was seconded that John press on with plans and present them at the November delegates' meeting.

Don said that our club is responsible for the September Round Up in 2014 (Columbus, Ohio is having it this year). Tom Hall has volunteered to head up the committee of chairmen and chairwomen.

May 26 is the first auto-cross. There are 5 auto-cross dates this year. The second auto-cross will be ladies' day. Last year the ladies had a great time. Bob Duffey is looking for different prizes for auto-cross winners. We have had cozy cup holders and AH glasses. Please call Bob with any ideas.

We need a new amp system and a new computer for the auto-cross. Doug Menkhaus will check out some possibilities for Bob Duffey will let him know what is a reasonable price. Many thanks to the Jacksons for hosting the meeting. (Good food, good conversation and a good meeting!)

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hall, Secretary



Formula one grand prix Australia 2013

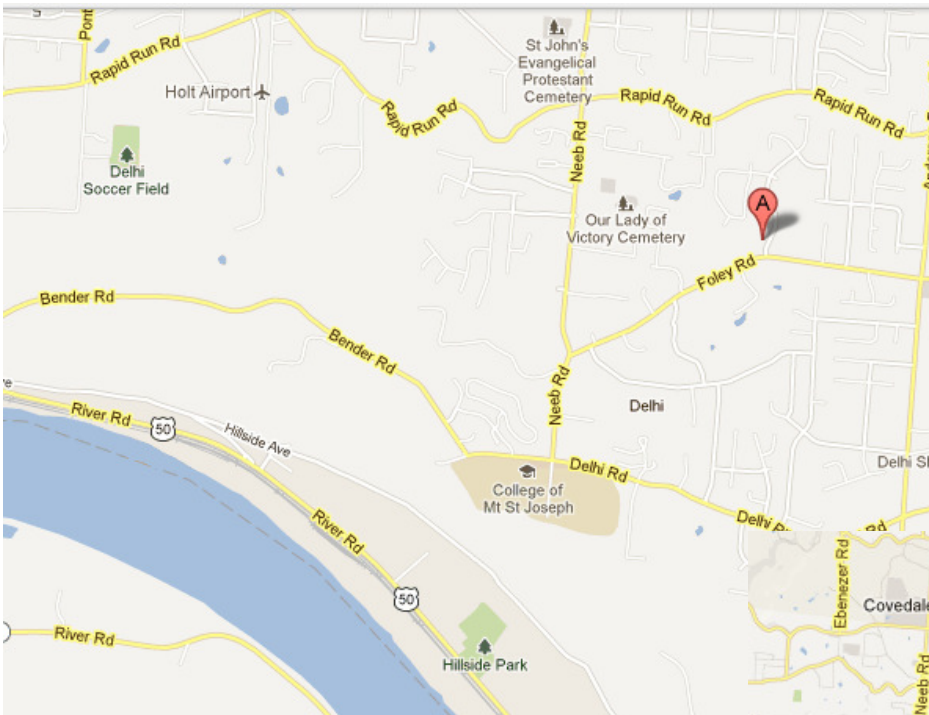
ACTIVITIES: DRIVE TO SPRINGTHING!

Springthing is coming fast. You should be registering. I have plans to leave our home in Union Thursday, May 16 about 9:30 AM take backroads to Lawrenceburg, KY for a lunch at Tony 's BBQ, then a Four Roses Distillery tour, then backroads to the hotel in Shelbyville. Call Dale Ballinger (859) 384-1345 to confirm you want to travel with us, please.

CALENDAR

May 16-19.....	Springthing
May 26.....	Gymkhana
June 23.....	Gymkhana (ladies day)
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

MAY MEETING — CHAMBERLAIN'S



613 GENENBILL 45238

513-451-1120

Forget coming south on 75 and getting off at 50 west. Both on and off ramps at Freeman Ave/50 W are CLOSED. Coming South on I-75, you will need to exit @ Harrison Ave. (the western Hills viaduct).

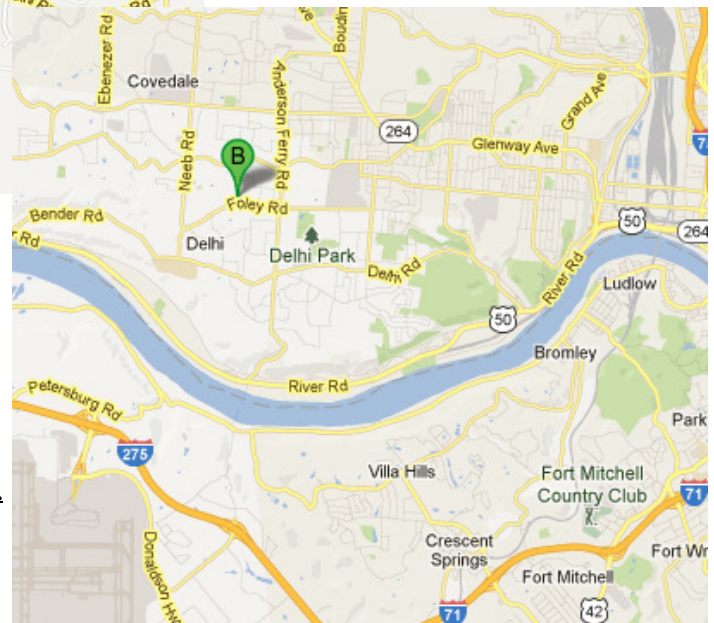
Once across the viaduct bear right and then left onto Queen city Avenue.. Take Queen city Ave. to sunset (Traffic light). Turn left on Sunset, which will become Rapid Run Pk. (next to the park). Follow Rapid Run (it curves some) to Anderson Ferry Rd., turn left. Take anderson Ferry to Foley Rd. and turn right. Go .4 mile to Genenbill Dr. on right. Turn right to 613 (on mailbox)

Parking is available in our driveway, and at the Metropolitan Sewer District's new pad. next door. (On the other side of the arbor vitae.

From the Far North. Take I 275 West to I74 South. Once on 74south toward Cincinnati, take the first exit on the right to Rybolt Rd. . Turn left on Rybolt, and an immediate right onto Harrison Avenue.. Take Harrison Ave. to Glenway and turn right. Take Glenway to Westborn, and again, turn right. There is a large Bowling Alley on the corner, and it is directly across from a a major health center.. Take Westborn to Muddy Creek, a 3 way stop. Turn left on Muddy Creek, and then a right on Neeb rd. Take Neeb rd. all the way to Foley Rd. Another 3 way stop.Turn left onto Foley, and about 1/2 mile , turn left onto Genenbill .

From I 71 south or north bound, as well as 471, follow the 50 west signs from Fort Washington Way. That route is open to River Rd. There is considerable construction, but follow the barrels signs and cones and you will get to River Rd. The traffic closes down to one lane. Be sure to follow the signs and **STAY RIGHT TO RIVER RD.** GO SLOW BECAUSE THE ROAD IS ROUGH THROUGH THERE. Once you are passed the maze rd is fine the rest of the way. Take River Rd. to Fairbanks Ave. Traffic light and Ball Park on the corner. Fairbanks will bear left, merge and become Delhi Pike. Stay on Delhi pike to Anderson Ferry Rd. Shopping center /Walgreens on the left corner. Turn right on Anderson Ferry to Foley Rd.Speedway and on corner. Turn left, of .4miles to Genenbill dr on the right.
513 451 1120

The adventuresome from KY can also take the Anderson Ferry, come up Anderson Ferry to Foley and follow the other directions.



Spring Thing

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

ACTIVITIES:



Half way through the drive. Stopped at Augusta, KY for some great sunshine, nice walk around town, and of course a beer at the local pub before we hit the road to finish the drive.
Bernie Grabow & Mary Ann , Ben Grabow and Jenny

This was a really nice drive (about 3 hours) with a final destination of Molly Malone's in Covington. The weather was fantastic and there were quite a few vintage cars on the trip. Only 2 other members from the club were on the drive...one being Skip and he didn't finish, so prepare to see this tour again soon!

MEETINGS 2013

May—Chamberlain
June 9 Saturday — (progressive dinner)

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



Advertisement

CAUGHT IN THE ACT



Thomas Andrew Grabow (new member). His parents, Ben and Jenny, purchased this little Austin Healey a couple of weeks ago and Tom is sure it is his car. Really, he probably fits better than Ben!



Ben Grabow...the real owner!



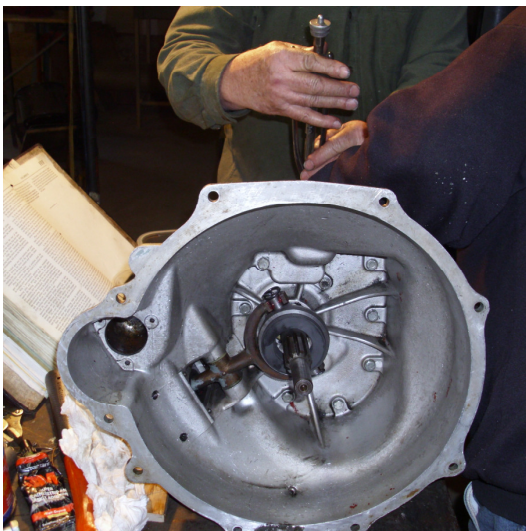
TECH SESSION REPORT:

Thanks for all the help in reassembling my transmission yesterday. Special thanks to Richard for machining a shift linkage cup, since the Moss Motors nylon one did not fit. I plan to have it installed this next week at home. I'm also including a few photos of the crew yesterday at Richard's. The two paragraph summary for the next Newsleak follows:

An experienced crew of tinkerers started at Richard Pratt's shop on Friday, April 5 to reassemble Tim Ross's BJ8 transmission. Besides Richard and Tim, the helpers included Bob Merten, Skip Jackson, and Bernie Grabow. Richards's BJ8 shop manual was invaluable, the Moss Motors catalog helped somewhat. New items installed included 3rd and 4th gear synchronizers, layshaft and bearings, tailshaft bearing, all overdrive O-rings, overdrive actuation solenoid, throwout bearing, and misc. gaskets and seals. Bernie sold Tim a nearly-new first gear, to replace Tim's chipped one. Richard made a slick holder out of some exhaust tubing to keep the three spring-loaded ball sets in place for installation, and machined a new shift linkage cup. Everything seemed to go back together, only one ball was left over (?), and we forgot to install the new 2nd gear synchro. We'll see soon if the incredibly messy Toyota sealant works to replace some of the gaskets, and minimize the gearbox leaks.

Advice for future tinker gatherings is to lay out all the parts to be assembled in exploded diagram order on clean paper towels beforehand – this checks that you have ALL the parts ready. Remove all old parts from sight or they may be reused. Throw away all old lock washers and have a box of new automotive grade 5 lock washers available for each size. Check that your old silicone sealant tube has not hardened into a rock. Try not to have all your shops' electrical outlets and motors on a single circuit. And of course the primary directive is to have LOTS OF COLD BEER!

Thanks Again - Tim (And don't forget to use new lock washers!)



Don't miss it!

Sgt. David Kreuter Memorial Highway

State Rt. 264

(Bridgetown Rd.)

In Miami and Green Townships

Dedication Ceremony

Saturday, April 27, 2013

11:00 am at the

Sgt. David Kreuter, Lima Co., 3/25 USMC
Killed in action 8/3/05 Barwanah, Iraq



Miami Township Community Center

3780 Shady Lane at Bridgetown Rd

in Miami Heights

Special display Wednesday April 24 through Saturday, April 27—

THE LIMA COMPANY MEMORIAL:

The Eyes of Freedom

This stunning display is eight freestanding paintings depicting the 23 fallen in life size, and are accompanied by their boots and an everliving candle. These paintings are a powerful reminder of the men who chose to make a personal sacrifice to protect us, laying down their lives for us, as do all our military.

PUBLIC DISPLAY HOURS:

Wed. 6-9 pm, Thurs. 12-4 pm, Fri. 12-4 and 6-9 pm, Sat. 9 am-4 pm



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

Conclusion

During this battle, he figures he spent a couple hundred hours researching law, chasing leads, playing detective, talking on the phone, sending emails and documenting his efforts. "And that doesn't count the time I lay in bed, unable to sleep, trying to think of ways to solve problems," he adds. He acknowledges that he had a lot of help, and he has nothing but praise for everyone who assisted, including the police, "I know these guys are busy, but they went out of their way to help," he says, "I was amazed,"

He also reflects on key turning points in his saga: "If I hadn't canceled the theft insurance in 1970, the insurance company would have paid me off, none of this would ever have happened," And his chance eBay find? "Unbelievable," he says. Plus, at each step of his battle, what were the odds of finding the right person with the right information who was willing to help? Yet this happened numerous times, Bob believes that his unlikely, off-the-wall story drew them in, "Who could make something like that up?" he asks.

What about the dealership that listed the car? When the police seized the Healey, they lost their claim to ownership-and possibly their investment. However, the law does provide recourse if they chose to track the ownership trail to the thief and seek compensation. Since Bob got his car back, he has mellowed a bit. "They were victimized, too," he says. He also has some pointed advice for the guy who stole his Healey, wherever he is, it's instructive, but we can't print it here.

When we caught up with Bob, he was a happy man, covered with grease, waist-deep in his long-lost toy, In fact, he was standing in the Healey's empty engine bay, painting the firewall. The freshly painted engine and transmission stood nearby, Boxes of parts littered the garage, along with a set of shiny chrome wire wheels, complete with new tires, A pair of Healey seats resided in his office, and his desk was piled with parts catalogs, These days, he still spends a lot of time on the phone-not talking to lawyers, but ordering parts and chatting with other Healey owners.

With the help of Pat Yoas from the North Texas Austin-Healey Club, Bob contacted Healey expert Bret Blades, and Bob and Bret are now refreshing the car in Bob's garage. They're working from a long list, which includes new brake and fuel lines, a gas tank, hydraulic seals, and electrical and interior work. They plan to turn over the car to a shop for bodywork and paint. "It will never be a show car," Bob explains, "but it will be a nice driver, and I intend to drive it." Once the Healey is back on the road, Bob says he'll pick up where he left off in 1970-owner and car both trying to make up for all those lost years together. Of course, Cindy is invited, too,

But Bob vows that two things have changed: Today the Healey is fully insured, and he swears he will never again park it overnight on the street,



Ohio Valley Austin – Healey Club

Driver's Training / Gymkhana 2013

Sundays: May 26, June 23 (Ladies Day)*, July 14, September 1 & 29

- Rain or Shine

Location: Live Oak Vocational School - 5956 Buckwheat Road - Milford, OH 45150-2287. Exit # 57 from 1-275 and go northeast on Route 28. (towards Blanchester) use the bypass - Right on Buckwheat Road (@ Dairy Mart gas station) this is the nearest rest room and store

Time: Gates will remain closed until 10:30am for setup. Registration closes at 11:00am or 20 cars, whichever happens first. Runs start as soon as possible before noon. Clean up/awards 3:30 ish.

Cost: \$20.00 per Driver - Max - 25 drivers - spectators free!

Everyone will be required to sign a waiver and all drivers are required to work the course when they are not running. Bring lawn chairs and a cooler; there is shade available. No alcohol.

Required Equipment: A safe/functioning car (we will inspect it) any make or model, the cooler the better; Helmets are required for drivers and passengers. There are usually loaners available.

Goal: "Fun & Family Oriented Gymkhana" Meaning - street legal tires driven to the event only (no tire changing is allowed); No trailered cars unless they are vintage European or Japanese. We give out awards for improvement over the day i.e., Training.

This event is designed to be a safe, fun way to enjoy your automobile. No dangerous driving or recklessness will be tolerated. We operate near a resi-dential section and ask that the exhaust system be street legal for noise. We want to come back next year.

We would like to see more vintage iron in 2013 Remember - you are competing against yourself, not others - come out and have some fun with your car!

Questions call the Committee: Jake Jacobs (beancounter) 513-858-3071; Don Klein (Track Master) 513-895-2624; Bob Duffey (Equipment Master) 1-513-424-0328 or E-mail me if you want to be on our update list.

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*June 23 is "Ladies Day", we have a special ladies only walkthrough, ladies get preference and they run for free!

