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Newsleak

may minutes

June 2013

The May 13, 2013 meeting of the OVAH Club was opened by Dale Ballinger, president pro tem. Jon Andorn was not able to attend. The Chamberlains were thanked for hosting.

Chad Donner was introduced as a new member with his father, Gail, as his guest. Chad has a 1959 106 BN4. Welcome!

Treasurer and Membership: Pat Duffey could not attend, but Nancy Hall will take new membership forms and dues tonight.

Thursday, May 16, there will be a caravan of cars going to Spring Thing.

The Concours de Elegance is on June 9 and Skip Jackson will buy discount tickets for those interested. Call Skip for tickets, \$15 if 4 or more sign up. The cut-off date for ordering is May 30.

The June meeting is at the Cox residence. June 10.

July will be the Progressive Dinner. Appetizers at the Duffeys, main course at the Kleins, and dessert at the Jacobs. Details to follow.

Ken Kreuter reports that the Sgt. David Kreuter highway dedication (Bridgetown Road) went very well with over 200 people in attendance. He thanked all who participated.

June 28 is the Mid-Ohio vintage car races. Contact Dale Ballinger if you are interested in going.

Ken Kreuter announced the Rising Sun car show on Sunday, July 7, in (where else) Rising Sun, Indiana. It is a judged car show for all makes and models. There will be many trophies given, most of which are large and impressive. All proceeds go to the Rising Sun High School band. This is held on the river with lots of shade. As in the past many will meet in Lawrenceburg for breakfast and drive as a group to the staging area. Call Ken Kreuter for details.

MaryAnn asks that all Newsleak items be in to her by the 20th of the month for the following news letter.

Don Klein said Conclave 2015 will be discussed at the delegates' meeting.

Richard Pratt reports that several cars were updated and worked on in the past month. Call Bernie Grabow if you have a tech problem.

Judy Chamberlain received some Austin-Healey discs from Skip from events past. Old Business:

The first auto-cross will be on May 26 at the Live Oaks campus on Buckwheat Road. Details will be on the web site. You don't have to have a Healey to run. A safe car is all you need, plus seat belts and a helmet. We have loaner helmets. Bring your own chairs and any food or drinks. Water is provided. The venue is shady and breezy. No charge for spectators.

June 23 is Ladies Day. Lot of fun.

This year pins will be the trophy. We do need VOLUNTEERS to help man the corners, spell the computer guys, tech the cars and help clean up. This is our only money-making event, so come on out and help and enjoy a pleasant day.

May minutes continued

John Jacobs is checking out possible venues for Conclave 2016 which Cincinnati will host. September Round-Up 2014 will have Tom Hall as chairman with Jake Jacobs as the money man. The Marriott Hotel in Hamilton, Ohio, looks promising as a venue. Usually there are 60 to 80 cars participating and the parking lot is large. Hazel Klein, Pat Duffey, and Nancy Hall will be in charge of the food. We need volunteers to step up to the plate and give a hand. We know it is a little early to be thinking about 2014, but time flies and it will be here in a flash. Thanks.

July 20 is the Sgt. David Kreuter golf outing. Call Ken if you are interested.

August 10 is the Picnic at the Halls.

October 20 is an outing day, and Skip Jackson will have more details later.

The meeting was adjourned with many thanks to the Chamberlains for hosting a large gathering of Austin-Healey enthusiasts.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hall, Secretary

Meetings 2013

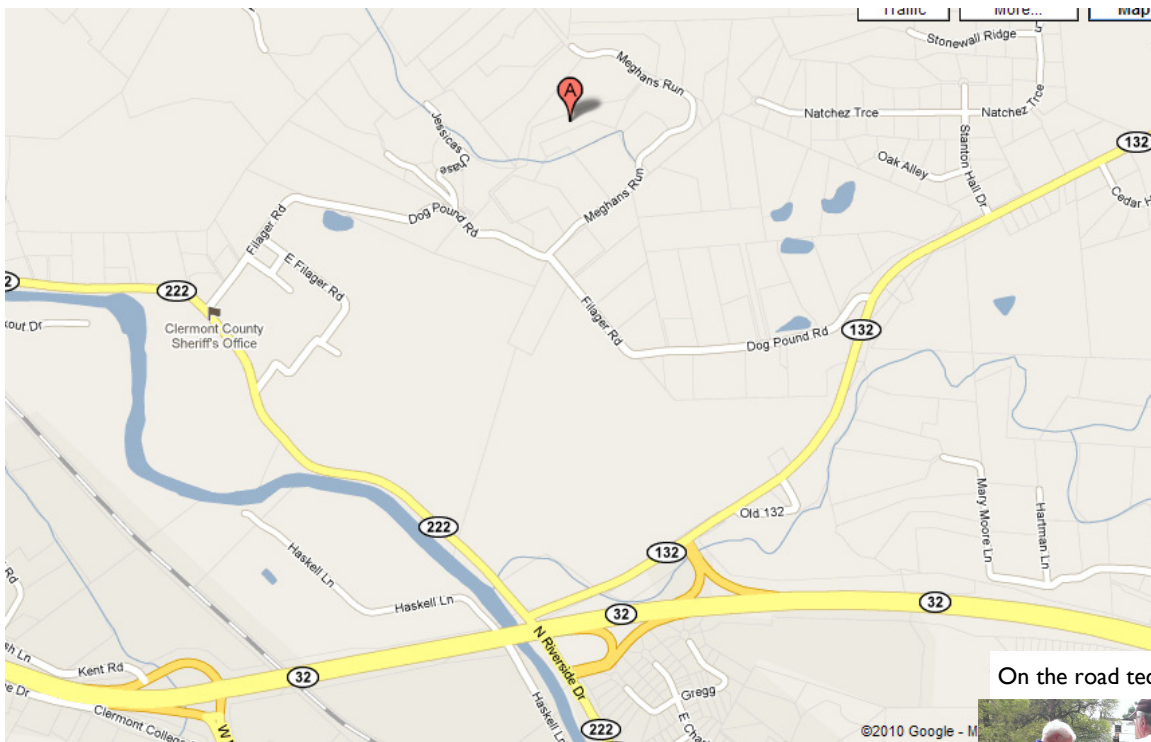
June—Cox
July 20—Progressive dinner/meeting—north side
August—Hall
September—Loos
October—Parrott
November—Andorn
December 14—Christmas Party @ Grabow

NOTE: There has been a change in the line up—please note that June's meeting is at the Cox and July is the progressive dinner!

Calendar

May 26.....Gymkhana
June 9.....Concours d'Elegance. Ault Park
June 10.....Meeting at Cox's (change in plans!)
June 23.....Gymkhana (ladies day)
June 28.....Mid Ohio Vintage Races weekend
July 7.....Shiner Pride Show your Pride—car show in Rising Sun
July 14.....Gymkhana
July 20.....Progressive Dinner, **July Meeting**
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

JUNE MEETING



Jerry & Charlene Cox
4571 Meghans Run Rd.
513-735-4092

Take Rt. 32 exit from 275, east bound towards Batavia.

Take 222 exit from 32 and go North (left). Immediately take 132 east bound to Dog Pound Road...Filager Rd. Turn Right on Meghans Run—address is on the left.

On the road tech sessions



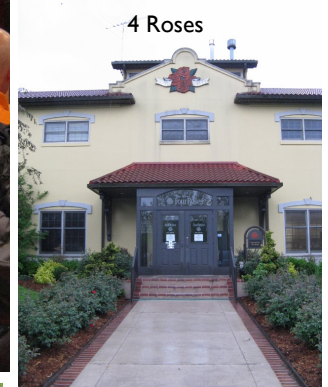
Springthing 2013 report:



On the road again. This year's Springthing was in Shelbyville and Frankfort, KY. This event was casual with a traveling car show and visits to distilleries, shopping, restaurants visits and just general friendship with lots of hospitality! Always good to start the season out on a long weekend with friends! Awards of Excellence to Bob and Pat Duffey, Dale and Sandy Ballinger, Gayle and Cindy Loose, Scott & Eileen Brown and Best in show to Bernie and Mary Ann Grabow. Little flat tire issues for Skip Jackson, and Don Klein on the way down. but other than a dead battery in the Duffy's car, no real big issues this year (thank God). Rain held off for most of the trip...few sprinkles.



Springthing 2013 report (cont):



Hola! Welcome to Sprngthing 2013



Lovin' back road sights worth seein'
While feelin' fine travelin' top-down Healeyin' to.....**SpringThing 2013!**

Thursday: 5-16-2013 The OVAHC group met at Dale and Sandy Ballinger's in Union, KY for a final drop of java and pit stop prior to departure via Dale's guided tour directions to Shelbyville. (His info included color commentary about the Four Roses Distillery that added flavor to the anticipated tour.) The threat of rain was nowhere in sight as Bernie Grabow in his BJ8 with Dale, Richard Pratt, Gayle and Cindy Loos in their BJ8s, and Skip Jackson in "Happy", his Bugeye Sprite caravanned South on US-42/US-127. Sandy Ballinger driving the Jensen-Healey, with Mary Ann Grabow, took an alternate route to take on more materials and projects from The Quilt Box. As planned, we met the ladies at the Dry Ridge, KY Speedway exchanging drivers and passengers and, an always appreciated gas opportunity.

Sunny skies, spring fresh greens, rainbows of colorful blooms, pastures, horse farms, ponds and lakes dotted the countryside from KY-14 to -491-492 (U-Pick Blackberries + Blackberry Hill Winery) to KY-22 (great back road and the route to Elk Creek Winery). Continuing the Healey-perfect back roads twists, loops, angles and curves, we resumed travel on US-127 South to Lawrenceburg, KY skirting ever darkening grey skies. We just made it, in between raindrops, to a smoked barbecue lunch at Tony's Barn and a special dessert presentation with Happy Birthday chorus to Bernie from all others who were happily not increasing their age digits.

An hour ahead of Dale's proposed schedule with tops up and wet roads, arrived at Four Roses Distillery for the 1:00 pm tour. We enjoyed a close-up behind-the-scenes factory tour from the distilling process to the barrels followed by a choice of tastings from a variety of aged bourbons and blends. We were fortunate, as the next tours were unable to go outdoors for the factory tour due to lightning strikes in the area. We lingered in the very attractive Four Roses store until the rain burst subsided. With more rain on the horizon, we headed onto US-62 to KY-53 and... AH Oh...not thunder, but Skip's right driver side tire (where's AAA?). Fortunately, we were near a pullover area to accommodate everyone. Momentary parting, dry skies were long enough for the guys to stay dry and make short work of tire changing. Then more rain, and just a brief reprieve through Travisville. With Shelbyville 8 miles away, the rain gushed the rest of the trip. We all increased our road visibility with Lucas flamethrowers casting strong beams reflecting on wet roads and drivers ahead.

THANKS DALE, for your planning, "herding" and enjoyed guided tour.

After soggy travels, we received a memorable welcome under the portico of our host hotel with a Bluegrass group, Bluegrass-style, mariachi band (sans charro outfits, violins, trumpets, guitars) but, with Texas-size sombreros, curiously similar black-as-spades pencil mustaches, a marvelously talented accordion musician, and marvelously delicious margaritas. They (people and beverage) set the tone for the promise (and realized) fine time ahead.

We enjoyed the usual Bluegrass group hospitality, folks, food and beverage. Refreshed and re-energized, some members gathered for Bob Thurman's (with Scott Brown's assistance) Louisville vs. UK Funkhana for some friendly down-home basketball rivalry. Choosing a Cardinal or Wildcat cap, participants rode on a parking lot court stopping at designated points to score a basket in the hula "hoop" centered in the court. Prior to leaving, the navigator gave a rousing cheer for the chosen team. Interesting.... Best time and or points scored were First Place winners Dale Ballinger, navigator, and Bev Frazier driving her non Healey. Third Place went to Cindy Loos, navigator, and Don Klein driving Hazel's "Purple Haze" Bugeye.

Friday: 5-17-2013 SpringThing plans, without a formal car show (with the usual detailing time) and rally, allowed for a more leisurely do-what-you-want-and-when pace. Everyone sampled different sites: Downtown Louisville (about a 30-mile drive) to a delicious slow food experience at the restaurant, Harvest (and special dessert opportunity and Birthday chorus to Tom Hall), a visit to the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory, Joe Ley's incredible 3 floors of nonstop antiques housed in a National Historic Register home. More travel to Wakefield-Scearce Galleries at Science Hill in Shelbyville and, of course, unique stores for shopping.



All gathered for dinner at The Colonel's Lady, Claudia Sanders Dinner House for a full buffet of down-home cuisine. Word has it that when Colonel Sanders kicked his wife out of the kitchen, she decided to start a restaurant of her own to put him out of business. The rest (as they say), is history.

Saturday: 5-18-2013 We've been very fortunate to dodge raindrops most of the time, enjoy moderate temps, and partly sunny skies. Today we head to Frankfort for one more day of friendship, food and rolling hills of the Bluegrass country. On our way to Frankfort, we revisited Shelbyville for a great textile experience at Making Ends Meet. The shop would be of interest even to a non-seamstress. Lots of square footage was a bright gallery of creative artistic displays limited by only ones' imagination, with materials for artwork, quilts, pillows, windows treatments, purses, jewelry and more, including classes. The town, founded in 1792, has many buildings of architectural interest and a number of antique stores that have preserved their interior ornamentation. It's a good city for a walking tour. Next stop at Buffalo Trace Distillery, one of the earlier bourbon producing distilleries, for another quality distillery tour (this one, called the Trace Tour). Lots of palatal sparks with their samplings and bourbon balls. Other tours, for a future visit, include the Hard Hat (factory), Post Prohibition and Ghost Tours.

Arriving at our Frankfort host hotel, we enjoyed more Bluegrass Club hospitality and a dinner-on-your-own at a delicious Italian cuisine restaurant, Serafini's, in downtown Frankfort. Back to the hotel for final SpringThing hospitality desserts and awards ceremony. The OVAHC was well-represented, winning two bottles of Lovers Leap wine for the club with the most SpringThing registrations. In attendance were 19 OVAHC members with 13 cars: Dale & Sandy Ballinger, Scott & Eileen Brown, Bob & Pat Duffey, Bernie & Mary Ann Grabow, Tom & Nancy Hall, Skip Jackson, Jake & Joyce Jacobs, Don & Hazel Klein, Gayle & Cindy Loos, Richard Pratt, Jeff Warner. The Best in Show trophy was awarded to Bernie & Mary Ann Grabow. Awards of Excellence were given to Dale & Sandy Ballinger, Scott & Eileen Brown, Bob & Pat Duffey, and Gayle & Cindy Loos.

Sunday: 5-19-2013 Everyone gathered at The Cracker Barrel for breakfast, conversation and final goodbyes. Some returned via freeways and others back roads (KY-22 to US-27). All returned safely and incident-free. Always good memories made and already looking forward to SpringThing 2014!

THANKS for a GREAT TIME Bluegrass Club!

