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July minutes

August 2013

The July 8, 2013 OVAHC meeting was called to order by **President** Jon Andorn who thanked Troy and Lauren Davidson for hosting.

Attending a meeting at the Charlevoix, Quebec Conclave, Jon reported some topics discussed:

Declining membership (approximately 4000 to 3200), inversely affecting costs (i.e. advertising revenue). AHCA will be partnering with the Sports & Touring Club for a 2015 Conclave/Encounter. The Encounter is a regional meet for S&TC and a national meet for AHCA. (Sports & Touring Club focuses on family participation. Typically this club has multi-generation participation with strong membership and attendance.)

Vice President: Dale Ballinger had no report.

Treasurer/Membership: Pat Duffey reported the club treasury is fiscally sound. All members have paid for 2013.

Don Klein inquired about budgets for the 2014 September Roundup and projected 2016 Conclave. Jake Jacobs noted initial start-up costs should be minimal. Prepay will be needed for trophies and regalia. Jake and his son Jon will be presenting the OVAHC Conclave proposal at the AHCA Delegates meeting November 2013.

Secretary: Nancy Hall not present.

Activities Coordinator: Dale Ballinger reported, June 29-July 1, OVAHC members attended the Mid-Ohio Vintage Grand Prix, winning awards at the British Car Showdown: Gayle Loos received a Second Place Award in AH 100 & 3000, and Third Place for Judge's Choice Best of Show for his BJ8. Dale Ballinger won First Place in Some Other British for his Jensen-Healey. At the Ft. Thomas, KY Independence Celebration Classic Car Show, June 29, both Bernie Grabow and his son Ben, along with Skip Jackson, won trophies. On July 7, Dale Ballinger, Ken Kreuter, Skip Jackson, Mike Frank and Bill and Debbie Hogan, attended the The Shiner Pride Car Show in Rising Sun, Indiana. Dale won a super-sized discoesque trophy. Dale informed: Next Saturday, July 13, Wings & Wheels: Cruise-In/Fly-In will be held at the Sheridan, IN airport www.sheridanairport.com

Saturday, July 27 the Antique and Classic Car Parade will be held in Hamilton/Fairfield OH www.antiquecars.org In Advance: Free registration The show features 61 car classes.

Sunday, July 28 Rollin' On the River Charity Car Show will be held in Fernbank Park in Ad-dyston, OH <http://local.cincinnati.com/community/LatestNews>

Saturday, August 3 the annual Dayton British Car Show <http://www.daytonlocal.com/things--to-do/british-car-day-at-eastwood-metropark.asp>

Sunday, August 4 a car, motorcycle, truck and tractor show will be in Shannon, OH

Sunday, August 11 is the Mainstrasse Village Classic Car Show in Covington, KY

www.mainstrasse.org

REMINDER: The Progressive Dinner will be Saturday, July 20 beginning at 2:00 pm. Begin at Bob and Pat Duffey's for Appetizers, Entrée/Sides at Don and Hazel Klein's, and Desserts at Jake and Joyce Jacobs. Should be an especially delicious time!

Delegate: Don Klein will provide information for later discussion.

Minutes, continued

President Jon Andorn attended the Conclave Delegate's meeting: Conclave 2014 will be held June 15-19 at The Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, VA. The Conclave/Encounter 2015 site is Gettysburg, PA. Harley Davidson has a test track that ACHA may reserve. There was discussion about issues with insurance companies and vendors (i.e. Moss Motors), catering to larger membership, national-based car clubs. Less than 10 AH clubs offer local membership only. Three clubs are multi-marque national membership in order to receive the insurance coverage. National membership is of mutual benefit to local AH clubs and AHCA. Trending is toward no more local club membership only option.

>>> Currently 10 of 56 OVAHC members are local only. Hazel Klein motioned the OVAHC no longer offer local membership only. Jake Jacobs seconded the motion, which passed with majority member votes. **Beginning 2014, the OVAHC will no longer offer 2 levels of membership. Dues will include both local and national membership at our current rate of \$65.00.**

Technical Director: Bernie Grabow not present. Richard Pratt, tech team lead reviewed: Troy and Lauren Davidson's Bugeye disassembly of rear brakes, and assembly of an extensive parts-to-purchase list. John Wallace's radiator saga continues with a new radiator installation to be scheduled. Skip Jackson had heavy duty inner tubes installed in his wheels. Dale mentioned, after 15 years, Tom Osborne's BJ7's wheels are on the ground.

Historian: Judy Chamberlain will research OVAHC records for by-laws, as requested by **President** Jon Andorn's.

>>>Congratulations to Scott & Eileen Brown for their milestone 25-year AHCA membership<<<

Old Business: Jake Jacobs announced the next projected Conclave 2016 meeting will be at the Marriott Cincinnati Airport Hotel Saturday, August 17, 10:00 am. Plans are moving forward to secure dates, room and banquet rates.

Jo Switzer, ACHA VP Conclave Officer, will be there to check the venue, facility, committee and plans. He asks OVAHC members and family to consider how they want their club to present an outstanding experience as Conclave hosts.

Send Conclave ideas (i.e. theme/logo, opening conclave presentation, women/children activities, hospitality, Funk-hana, Regalia, rally) to jake.jacobs@fuse.net

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>>>Dale reminded all that photos/articles to our **Editor** Mary Ann Grabow, must be submitted prior to the 20th of the month deadline for inclusion in that month's Newsleak edition.

>>>Jake Jacobs, along with September Roundup Chairperson Tom Hall, and Nancy Hall, met in Hamilton, OH with representatives of the Marriott Hamilton Hotel (formerly The Hamiltonian). Plans for September Roundup 2014 were discussed, and a proposal will be sent to the Marriott Hotel.

>>>Jon Andorn recalled his trip (over 1100 miles), after a Niagara Falls and relatives visit in Maine, to the Charlevoix, Quebec Conclave, with his wife, Pam, and family of 5 children. His many interesting comments included an AH acceleration run on top of a mountain at a private airport, whale watching, and frequent language challenges (hand signals/gestures) to local French-as-the- first-language populace. John Nikas, "Grace's" driver (the "Drive Away Cancer" 1953 AH 100), attended, sans Grace. After over 120,000 miles and constant repairs in 2 years, Grace's crankshaft failed in a parking lot. The search was on for a permanent home for Grace. Robert Goldman, Moss Motors owner, bought Grace and, after extensive repairs, returned her to John and the AHCA. Grace should be back on the road in July. Jon's son, Jack Andorn, asked John Nikas if he would drive Grace to his school to support several classmates and their families currently fighting cancer. Jon noted Conclave 2013 at a lower attendance, estimated at 200, and 150 Healeys.

New Business: None presented

President Jon Andorn closed the meeting, again thanking our newest members, Troy and Lauren Davidson, for their hosting hospitality, followed by much appreciative applause.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Loos, Stand-In Secretary

Tech Sessions:



Dismantled bug eye at Troy Davidson's...waiting for parts. Doesn't look like it is too hard a wait for those



Results of Tom Osborne's tech session



Tom Osborne now has a rolling chassis after 25 years

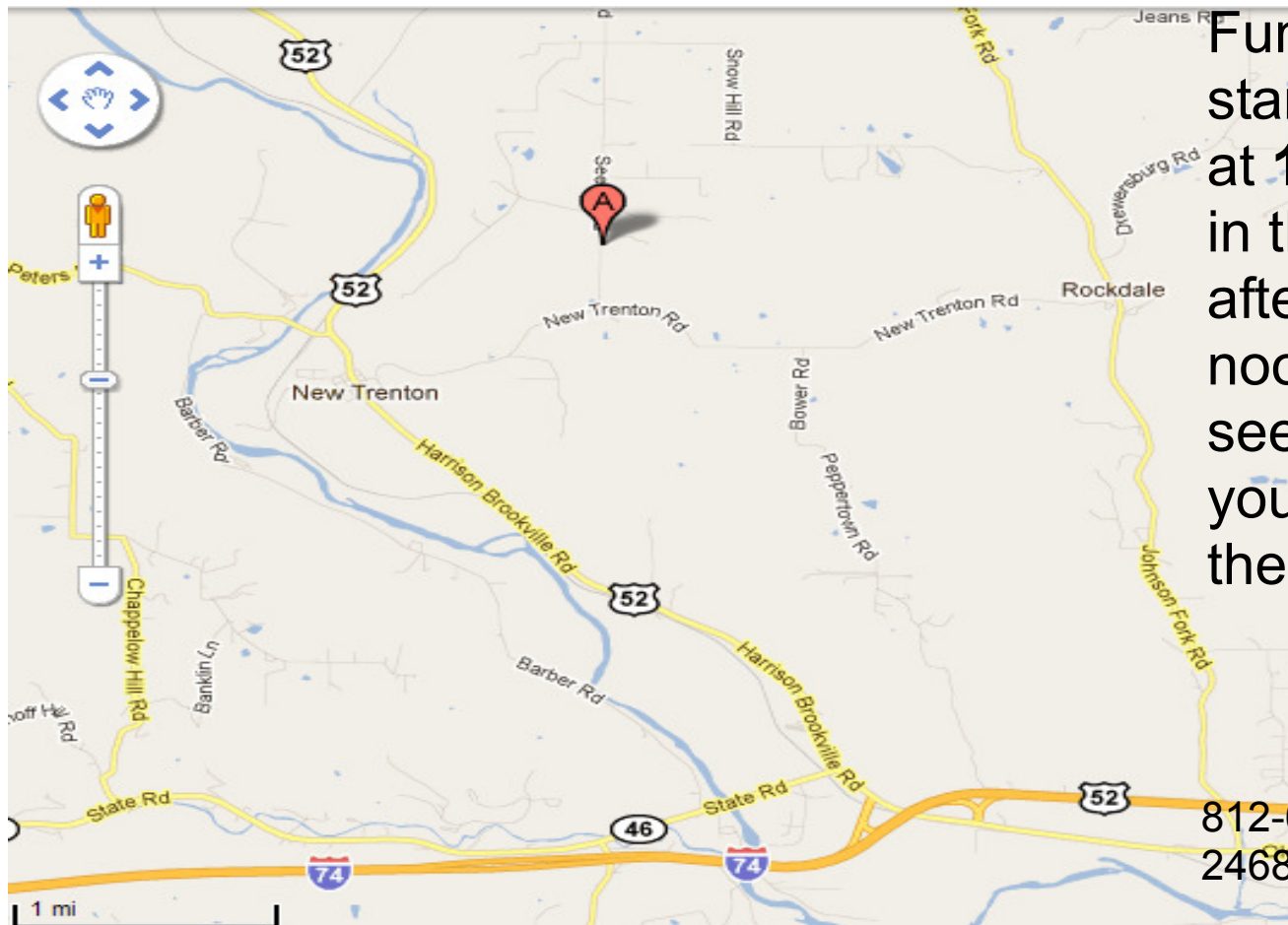
Meetings

August—Hall (picnic)
 September—Loos
 October—Parrott
 November—Andorn
 December 14—Christmas Party @ Grabow

Calendar

August 3..... British Car Show, Dayton, Ohio
 August 10..... Picnic at Hall's (sign up at July meeting...or call Nancy Hall)
 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 19..... Bonfire at Parrots (October meeting)
 October 20..... Herbst tour and OVAHC drive, Camp Springs, KY

August 10 meeting/picnic



Fun starts at 1:00 in the afternoon... see you there!

812-637-2468

I-74 to Rt. 52 exit ...Brookville Rd. Left off exit then right on New Trenton and Left on Sealey. Call (not a long distance call)

Annual OVAHC picnic (kids invited). **Contact Nancy to let her know what you are contributing to the dinner**—drinks and meat are provided. Bring you fishing poles, bathing suits (pool), pool toys, lawn games if you want to play/share...or just sit in the shade and enjoy the company. This is our August meeting but other than a little business meeting the rest of the day is FUN!



2013

Columbus, Ohio

Austin Healey
**SEPTEMBER
ROUNDUP**



ROUNDUP REGISTRATION

Join the Mid-Ohio Austin-Healey Club in Columbus, Ohio, this September 20th through the 22nd, for another enjoyable Roundup weekend. The accommodations and all events will be held at the Holiday Inn located at 7007 North High St. (Rte 23) in Worthington, Ohio, 43085, just off Interstate 270, Exit 23.

Reservations: 614-436-0700. The hotel rate for Roundup participants is \$94.00 per night plus tax; breakfast included. This rate will be in effect until August 30, 2013. Call hotel directly for room reservation; mention you are with the Austin-Healey Roundup.

Name(s) _____ Club _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Car(s) (Model and Year) _____

Early Registration: \$55.00 (2 persons, one car) Deadline August 15, 2013 \$ _____

Late Registration: \$65.00 \$ _____

Banquet: \$30.00 per person Number of dinners ____ X ____ \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

Make checks payable to Mid-Ohio Austin-Healey Club

Mail Registration form with payment to: Nancy Overturf, 6123 Rackley Way, Westerville, OH
43081

If you have any questions, call Jerry Spurlock at 985-774-6807 or visit www.moahc.com

Any donated item(s) you can bring for the auction will be appreciated

Caught in the Act



Here we are at the top of Cadillac Mountain in Acadia on Thursday. The hotel is beautiful! But, the parking is horrible! I hope we are able to move closer tomorrow.

LONG way into the venue! Up in the clouds, down to the lake, twist this way, twist back that... One small town jammed with stores and restaurants, followed by miles and miles of rural, empty roads with a house or farm here or there.

Kids did a great job with the trip! I completely dropped the ball about TV programming. It didn't occur to me that it would be in French. Fortunately, we brought about forty DVDs to watch.

Andorn family on their way to Conclave

Activities report: Rising Sun car show

On Sunday, July 7 the OVAHC had three cars entered and five current members and one former member in attendance. The morning mist and clouds gave way to sunny skies with puffy clouds floating around. We enjoyed the sounds of the 60-80's over the PA. Two of us won door prizes and one won a huge trophy. William and Debbie Hogan, Dale Ballinger, Skip Jackson, Ken Kreuter, and former founding member, Mike Frank checked out the 300+ cars and motorcycles. They even had two fuel dragsters in the streets competing with all the other shiny and well waxed samples. For next year keep in mind that it is only 12 dollars in advance, they have clean modern and air-conditioned restrooms, some stores for shopping are open, and food with adult beverages are sold. Also a short walk away is the Rising Star Casino. The benefit is the R.S. High School band. So check out the photo and the one with the red OVAHC hat got the trophy.



Ohio Valley Austin – Healey Club

Driver's Training / Gymkhana 2013

Sundays: September 1 & 29

- Rain or Shine

Location: Live Oak Vocational School - 5956 Buckwheat Road - Milford, OH 45150-2287. Exit # 57 from I-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 10:00am for setup. Registration closes at 11:00am or 20 cars, whichever happens first. Runs start as soon as possible. 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 residential 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.

jake.jacobs@fuse.net Or check our web site:

www.OhioValleyAHC.com



Ladies Day in July

Dayton Car Show, August 3

If you're going to the show and want to caravan.....

OVAHC Caravan to Dayton car show on Saturday, August 3, 2013:

Meet at 9:10 AM inside the Home Depot parking lot behind the Bob Evans on Tylersville Road. Take exit # 22 from I-75 and go east just off the exit, towards Mason. Turn left at the light by Bob Evans and line up in the Home Depot lot right by the B.E. restaurant. If you want breakfast be there at 8:30 AM. You can eat at Bob Evans or walk 150 feet to Perkins, but it's better not to park in Perkins as it is a bad time to be turning left out of there. The caravan will depart at 9:20 AM for Dayton. Route is up to the leader or you can find your own way up. It's either 42 to 48 back roads or I-75 to Route 4. Call Dale with any questions. (859) 384-1345.

Conclave report



AHCA Conclave 2013 by Jon Andorn

This year's AHCA Conclave was hosted by the Quebec Austin-Healey Club in Charlevoix, Quebec, Canada from Sunday, June 23rd to Thursday, June 27th. Charlevoix is about 1100 miles from Cincinnati or a 17 hour drive by interstate.

We departed on Monday, June 17th in the Ford Excursion with no Healey in tow. We stopped Monday night in Niagara Falls, NY in time to see all the falls from the U.S. and are pleased to report that we lost no children or valued possessions over any of the falls. We stayed at a small hotel just outside of the park and returned early in the morning to see the falls again and conduct a little souvenir shopping before getting back on the road again. Tuesday, June 18th would see a long day on the road that took us to Rochester, NH. Wednesday, June 19th, we had a "short" drive to Bangor, ME to see my father. That evening, we all went out to dinner at an outdoor restaurant/lobster pound in Ellsworth complete with lobster boat and giant lobster frequented by the locals. Thursday, June 20th, we would venture southeast to Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park, where Pamela and I honeymooned. The bed and breakfast that we stayed in 14 years ago is no longer there, but a number of shops that we visited remain and we once again visited them to souvenir shop. It was here that we passed our first Healeys headed to Quebec – a pair of Healeys from the Carolinas Austin Healey Club. We then drove on into Acadia re-visiting all the sites we took in October 1999 with the children to include Thunder Hole, Seal Beach, Jordon Pond and Cadillac Mountain. The children enjoyed looking for sea shells and glass at Seal Beach. Friday, June 21st we were on the road again and headed up through beautiful western Maine crossing into Quebec at the border crossing in Jackman, ME. We passed a lot of moose and snowmobile crossing signs that you don't see here, but neither were to be seen. This was also our first opportunity to practice French with a bi-lingual Canadian agent. After our brief delay, we were on the road again headed to Levis, Quebec, just south of Quebec for the night. Your first impression of Quebec entering via this route is it is very mountainous and rural with a lot of dairy farms breaking up the countryside. Saturday, June 22nd, we awoke to rain again and crossed the St. Lawrence Seaway on a ferry (the children's first) before navigating through construction in old Quebec City and proceeding north along the St. Lawrence arriving at Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu in the early afternoon via 2 lane roads that either went up or down with many curves and steep grades. We no sooner finished unloading the Excursion and parking it further up on the mountain and room service arrived with milk and cookies for the children.

Conclave officially began on Sunday, June 23rd, but not before Chelsea, Sarah, Jack and Mary participated in a Cupcake Decorating event hosted for children at the hotel followed by Mass in French at a local church in La Malbaie with two other Conclave attendees. Upon our return, registration had opened followed by arts and crafts and regalia. That afternoon, I had taken the children swimming at the less crowded indoor pool only to learn that in a resort, there was no jumping or splashing permitted much to the children's dismay. We also checked out the well-stocked play room available to the children staying in the resort. That evening, prior to the official welcome, there was a Pizza Party for all. In addition to catching up with all the Conclave attendees, we also hooked back up with John Nikas of Drive Away Cancer who offered to give the children a ride the following day in a Healey once he "stole" one as Grace is off the road undergoing major surgery.

Tuesday, June 24th we awoke to head out to the Ste Irene Airport for the gymkhana, funkhana and acceleration run. We arrived an hour late and the event was just about complete being run very efficiently which was fortunate as a number of aircraft started to takeoff/land during this time which required picking up cones, etc. We were fully attired in our Drive Away Cancer shirts and had our pictures taken with John Nikas while he gave each of the children rides. There was an ice cream social in town at a local restaurant following the speed events and by the time we returned it was time for the Delegates meeting. Tuesday, June 25th was the President's breakfast followed by the Popularity Show at an elementary school in Baie St Paul about an hour from the hotel. This school was complete with a sandy playground in the back which the younger three enjoyed. During the afternoon, there was an organ concert performed by the world renowned Philippe Belanger in a cathedral in town which Pamela and the older girls enjoyed while I entertained the younger three at the playground. Following souvenir shopping in town, we headed back to the hotel. There was a talk/tech session by John Chatham. John indicated to me after his presentation that he still remembered Don Klein's Healey which I piloted to the 1995 Conclave in Montebello, sans Don having given John Chatham a ride between venues.

Wednesday, June 26th was reserved for self-pursuits in the area. Many attendees joined the conclave's whale watching trip which sailed from Baie Ste Catherine in the afternoon. We elected to pursue our own whale watching trip from Baie Ste Catherine in the morning which is about an hour north of the resort on the St. Lawrence. Temperatures were in the high 40's with a brisk wind and light, intermittent rain. Approximately an hour north, by boat, on the St. Lawrence is the Saquenay St Lawrence Marine Park which is home to up to 13 species of whales, many of which we saw throughout the trip much to the delight of Patrick and his brother and sisters. Upon returning from the 3 hour tour, Sarah spotted a small Black Bear which had come down out of a tree across the street to attempt a raid at local restaurant's trashcan with outside dining which unfortunately for the bear had been suitably protected. Pamela exited the security of the truck to try to get a better picture until the bear changed course.

Thursday, June 27th was the fun ralleye which we and many others didn't participate in under the threat of rain. We received reports back from those that were brave enough to venture forth, the ralleye was challenging and hard on the cars with a few not able to complete. While some attendees attempted the ralleye, we pursued a more sedate horse-driven carriage ride around the resort property charming the driver the entire way. That evening was the Final Awards banquet. It was at this time in the Children's Arts and Crafts that Jack Andorn earned 2nd Place for his Lego Healey – Acceleration Run display. Sarah and Mary Andorn tied for 3rd with Sarah's "I Spy" Healey Search and Mary's AH 100 Painting.

Friday, June 28th it was time to say goodbye and depart under heavy rain. We were seen off by John Nikas who asked us to stop by Parisa, a local restaurant in Syracuse, NY where he had stopped in the past with Grace once he learned that was our goal for the evening. Little did we know at that time, what a challenge we faced? As we departed, the rain only got heavier and the visibility poorer as we passed all the Healeys that had departed before us and watched the minutes slip away on the GPS with deteriorating weather, heavy traffic and construction in both Quebec and Montreal. South of Montreal, I tried to make up the time, only to lose it all at the border crossing. We, however, did make it with 23 minutes to spare before they closed. We completed the remainder of the trip on Saturday, June 29th under the threat of severe weather and heavy rain most of the way to include rain so heavy and deep in Columbus that Healeys would have easily washed away. On I-90 West, we once again passed several of the Austin-Healey clubs convoys to include Northeast Ohio finally arriving back home just before sundown.

Sarah's prospective

Sarah's retrospective of Conclave Charlevoix...

I enjoyed Conclave because I enjoyed riding with John Nikas and Patrick. The sights were great to see (with Patrick's running commentary). I also enjoyed walking "Jordy", the hotel dog. Whale watching was a fun sight to see (although a little cold) and the bear at the end was cool! Daddy was joking that Mommy was going to be lunch for the bear and it was funny! Mrs. (Anne) Johnson took Chelsea, Mommy, and I to Margaritaville! I beat Daddy to signing the book! I saw the Moore's and Andersen's and "Santa Claus" (Gary Brierton). The hotel gave us "polar bear" costumes (bath robes) to wear to the pool! They were warm and snuggly. The carriage ride was fun with the family, as was the guitar player with the bonfire. I enjoyed the Solar System walk outside the hotel along the cliffs, but I only made it to Jupiter (it was a very LONG and arduous hike). Just ask Daddy. The baking classes were fun! I decorated cupcakes and cut and decorated sugar cookies. Only four of us went to the final banquet, I tied for third place in Arts and Crafts with Mary! (And got a free chocolate dessert, ssshhh, don't tell Jack and Mary.) Mommy, Chelsea, Mary, and I also saw beautiful young ladies in fancy dresses and handsome young men in suits attending their high school graduation at the hotel.

Conclave from a Wife & Mother's perspective

Countryside beyond compare!

Oh! The quaint little towns (with a McDonald's, at every other one)!

New language?

Couldn't be?

Love to try and communicate (especially at McDonald's).

All together now - Je m'appelle Pamela Andorn. Ou est la toilette?

Views of the water and whales galore!

Excitement around every curve and a top every hill!



Children waiting eagerly to get there, but very patient nonetheless.

Hello!? Or Should I say Bonjour?

Amazing venue with free cookies and milk. (Not to mention baking classes for the kids.)

Resounding greeting from old friends. (Amazed that we survived the journey.)

Lots of space to cover to get from here to there;

Except the views are breathtaking and make the trip more fun.

Visits to churches. There were two: Mass on Sunday, in French and a breathtaking concert (for Chelsea, Sarah, and I)!

One bear sighting after whale watching (we saw 8)!

In closing,

Xtremely successful venture, considering two weeks on the road with six different hotel stays and Niagara Falls and Acadia National Park visits!

Conclave was enjoyed. The host club did an amazing job, especially given the remote location of the venue. The kids succeeded with three of the five bringing home awards! I came home still speaking to Jon and all the kids are in one piece. Was it worth the journey? Hmmm? Oh, YEAH!

Visit on line for additional pictures!

<http://www.ahcso.com/list.aspx?menu=63&app=357&catId=827&tp=7&lk=no&title=Conclave+2013>