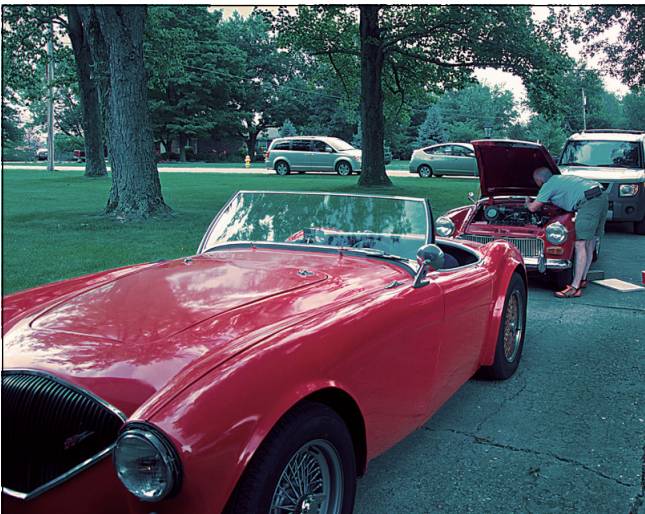


# Caught in the Act



Patrick An-dorn...too much activity at the progressive dinner. Time for a nap and some thumb!



Members enjoying the progressive dinner on July 20th. Hostesses, Hazel Klein, Pat Duffey and Joyce Jacobs enjoying time with friends. Guys in the garage!

# 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](mailto:jake.jacobs@fuse.net) Or check our web site:



Ladies Day in July

## Conclave 2016!!!!

A meeting was held on August 17 at the Marriott (proposed site for visitors of Conclave 2016). We had a short tour of the beautiful facility and then gathered to discuss plans and ideas for the event. Several members of the group provided information on venues for the show, venues for the car show, ideas for official names, plans for activities and various other aspects of the event. We are 99% sure we will be awarded the opportunity to present the Ohio Valley Conclave of 2016. More information and a report will be given at the September meeting. Please e-mail Jake Jacobs with any ideas (nothing too small) that you may wish to convey. [jake.jacobs@fuse.net](mailto:jake.jacobs@fuse.net)

# Activities reports:

**The Pittsburgh trip was great.** The show on Sat. had 400 British cars & over a 1000 others almost everything you could think of spread over the Schenley Park grounds.

The race circuit is the Road in the park. A perfect track for smaller cars. A Healey actually won one of the races. There were six or more Healeys racing and a white Nash Healey.

In the British Car Show on Sat. Gayle won 1st. place & Richard 2nd. quite an accomplishment.

Sun. the races had all Minis, Sprites, Healeys etc. going all out. We also talked to Michael Orritt who was racing an Elva.

Good time, good friends, good food & refreshments.

Bob Merten



The group that attended the **Mid – Ohio races** included Richard Pratt, Gayle Loos, John Parrot, Dale Ballinger, Tim & Bobbie Ross, & Bob Merten. Most of the time we seemed to dodge the rain. The races were good and the restaurants enjoyable. Here are a few photos. In the car show Sat. Gayle won second place in the Healey Class & Dale second in Misc. British. On Sun. Gale won second place overall in the Concours Show.

Bob Merten



# British Car Day— Dayton, Ohio



On Saturday, August 3 the OVAHC was well represented at the 2013 Dayton Ohio British Car Day. We started with a five car caravan from the Home Depot lot behind Bob Evans on Tylersville Road in West Chester. We had two big Healeys, a Jensen - Healey, a bug-eye Sprite, a MGB GT, and a Mazda Miata. Tim and Bobbie Ross wanted to drive their 1963 3000 but it refused to go along with the plan. Mark & Tammy Neumann stopped by to wish us luck on their way to the gym. We used scenic back roads almost all the way and even went past the Air Force base and museum at Wright-Patt.

At the show we saw members Tim Akers and Jerry Cox who made the trip up to see the 200 plus beautiful British and European sports cars. The weather turned out nice, sunny and a little muggy, but no rain after breakfast. We saw some old friends like George Chase, Jim Steputis, Eddie Cole, Steve Howard, Bob Santoro, and others from the BCCGC. There were also many friends from the Miami Valley AHC there to cheer us on and help pass the time until the awards ceremony.

Skip Jackson won some scavenger hunt prizes, and Ben Grabow got a door prize. Richard Pratt won an award of excellence for his BJ8. Bernie Grabow, Ben Grabow, and myself each won our classes. Bernie beat about five cars, and the other two classes had three each. My class had an over two hundred thousand dollar 2012 Bentley, and a Ford GT worth about the same big bucks. How I won that class was.....well it helped that Bernie gave some of his secret show-car cleaning supplies. I'm sure possibly only one extra vote made the difference. Thanks go to my buddies. All in all, a great day. See ya "down the road." Dale Ballinger

# British Car Day— Cincinnati, Ohio

Tim and Bobbi Ross and their outstanding Healey were awarded the Best In Class trophy at the Cincinnati British Car Show.





## Mainstrasse Village 11th Annual Car Show Report

submitted by Dale Ballinger

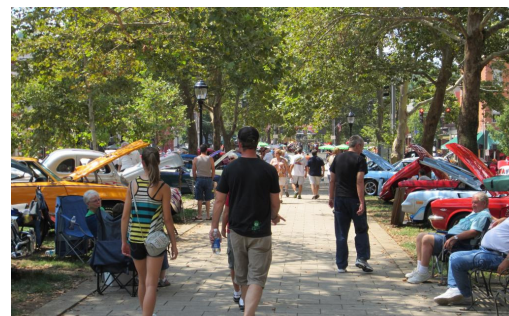
On Sunday, August 11 the OVAHC had about two dozen members and family at the Mainstrasse Village Car Show. They were myself & Sandy Ballinger, Ben & Jenny & Tommy Grabow, Bernie & Mary Ann & Emily Grabow, Skip Jackson, Jake & Joyce Jacobs and her sister Linda and youngster Tyler, John Jacobs and friend Kaci, Curt Lang and grand children Austin & Kyle, Gayle Loos, Bob Merten, Mark & Tammy Neumann, and Richard Pratt. We had five cars registered. Two were the BJ8's of Richard and Bernie, Jake's 1973 Opel GT, Skip's Bugeye, and my Jensen - Healey.

The show was centered on sixth Street in Covington, Kentucky and was a chance for us to check out the venue in preparation for the Ohio Valley Conclave in June of 2016. They have invited us to use their town and have offered wonderful extra items to make us comfortable. There were over 300 beautiful cars and trucks along the tree-lined avenue, in Gobel Park, and up on the center islands. Many restaurants, bars, and shops were opened up for our inspection, ingestion, and purchastation. *Hey if it don't rhyme, it ain't worth my time!*

Anyway since these cars were all completely shined up, double waxed, and triple tricked out bumper to bumper, we knew our chances of winning a trophy were slim. However, in the top forty of the 1985 and older cars which were numbering well over 150, Bernie was picked as a



winner! Congrats to him and we hope the future brings the Mainstrasse venue into our OVAHC plans.



# Caravan to September Roundup!

OVAHC Caravan to September Roundup car show on Friday, September 20, 2013:

If you want to use back roads, please meet at 10:15 AM in 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. The caravan will depart at 10:30 AM for Columbus. Route is up Route 42 with a lunch stop probably in London. Then more back roads to include a round-a-bout near Worthington. Check in, register, and relax.

These plans are tentative. Come to the Loos meeting for final details, and / or reply to me at [DLB55AH@CS.COM](mailto:DLB55AH@CS.COM) to be included.

If another group prefers the easy expressway and wants to form a second caravan, please pick a leader and go for it.

Call Dale with any questions. (859) 384-1345.



## Cruise-a-Palooza @ Coney Island August 31

This classic car show features hundreds of makes and models from all through the years! Professional judges will award trophies to the top 50 cars. Prizes and music by DJ Hughes make this event fun for the entire family!

### Event Hours: Noon - 4pm

Admission to the event is FREE. Normal rates apply for Sunlite Pool and Coney's Classic Rides

**Vehicle registration** is from 10am-Noon and costs \$15 per car.

Registration fee includes two Classic Rides wristbands.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE EVENT AREA WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL 10:00AM. NO VEHICLES ARE PERMITTED IN THE EVENT AREA BEFORE 10:00AM OR THEY MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE EVENT.**

Club member, Elmer T. (Tom) Puehl passed away on July 4, 2013. In addition to being an avid Austin Healey lover, Tom was a minor league baseball player before he was drafted which ended his baseball career. Tom's wife Betty is also a member of the club.

