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NEWSLEAK

February 2014

JANUARY MINUTES

The January 11, 2014 OVAHC meeting was called to order by **President** Dale Ballinger, who opened our meeting with a Happy New Year greeting to all, and thanking Richard Pratt for hosting. He provided a patriotic note, with his request for members to stand, face Richard's ample-sized American flag, and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

He asked if the December 2013 Minutes required any additions or corrections. As none were stated, the Minutes were approved as written.

President Dale then presented his State of the Club Report, observing that the OVAHC is "good and approaching great".

"We have money in the bank, two major shows in the planning stage, and our family gymkhanas continue to generate interest and participation". He asked that members support the OVAHC by volunteering some of their time to continue our status as an active club via our Newsleak publications, website and local, regional and national activities. The OVAHC has initiated setup and assistance at three Conclave gymkhanas, and is scheduled again for the Homestead Conclave this June in Virginia. He asked for a round of applause for the dedicated and hard working OVAHC officers. In closing, Dale stated he was OVAHC President eleven years ago in 2003, and appreciates the opportunity to serve once again.

Officer Reports:

Vice president: Scott Brown was unable to attend today.

Secretary: Nancy Hall has assumed Floridian snowbird status.

Treasurer/Membership: Pat Duffey has a membership list and record of dues payments. She stated that members can check for her receipt of their 2014 dues payment. If anyone would like a Membership List, e-mail Pat for this request.

In addition, **members can e-mail Pat and give their cell phone number to include in the local membership listing.** This is voluntary, but would be helpful to access member contact. Seventeen members have not paid to date. A reminder that the \$65.00 annual dues are for both national and local club membership. (As **President** Dale stated, "Less than 18 cents per day.") Members receive the excellent monthly national publication Healey Marque, the AH annual wall calendar, an annually-updated national Membership Directory comprised of area clubs, their members, Healey ownership and contact information. All this, including membership benefit opportunities to participate in social activities and events at local, regional and national levels. Pat announced: **The deadline for 2014 dues payment is January 15.** If dues have not been paid by the 15th, they will still be accepted, however, the member will be not be entered in the national Membership Directory, or be eligible to receive that Directory and Healey Marque magazine. If no dues are received, the former member will be dropped from the Newsleak mailing list.

Editor: Mary Ann Grabow was unable to attend. A reminder: **All articles or photos must be submitted by the 20th of each month to be included in the next Newsleak issue.** Bob

JANUARY MINUTES ...CONTINUED

Merten informed a probable need for a new printer due to excessive ink usage/cost in order to continue economized Newsleak mailings. Discussion about possible options followed.

Technical Director: Bernie Grabow was unable to attend. **President** Dale reported Jon Andorn's tech session results:

Parted out a chassis from rolling to nonrolling, approximately 20 pieces (aka "lawn art", quoted by Richard). He kept the engine/ transmission and other miscellaneous mechanicals/parts and is a satisfied "customer". Bob Merten announced a tech session this Monday, 1-13-14, 9:30 a.m., to reassemble his transmission that currently resides in Richard Pratt's garage. Bernie's son, Ben Grabow will be needing tech sessions to be scheduled in February for his newly-acquired Big Healey.

Historian: Judy Chamberlain is currently enjoying temporary Floridian residency.

Delegate: Don Klein informed the website has been updated. His goal is to enter updated pictures via a new system. He will be attending a Leadership meeting the beginning of March in Charlotte, NC. Fred Dabney, our new AHCA President, states his leadership will be a business-directed style, and information will be made more transparent for all Club members (i.e. info published in the Healey Marque). He wants delegates to actively report Club business to their local members, and he will be directing a revised ACHA website, <https://healeyclub.org>

Activities Coordinator : In his new position, Skip Jackson announced, he received an e-mail invitation to showcase the Healeys at the Cincinnati Auto Expo held at Duke Energy Convention Center Feb. 19-23 <http://cincinnatiautoexpo.com> It's a 5-day commitment to leave the cars for public viewing 8-10 hrs./day. Although security is available, on-site presence of an individual(s) would be highly suggested. No apparent interest at this time. He also presented a possible drive to Key West. He has been checking on lodging, and has found information on a more affordable house rental option. If interested, see Skip after the meeting.

Chairmen: Jon Jacobs, 2016 Conclave (Wrestling Coach) and Tom Hall, 2014 September Roundup (Snowbird), were unable to attend.

Old Business: Ken Kreuter thanked OVAHC, on behalf of himself and his family, for the \$500 donation to his son, David's scholarship fund. The David Kreuter Memorial Scholarship Fund continues to reward qualifying students, financial support for their future goals. The annual November Pancake Breakfast continues to raise monies to benefit David's scholarship fund, and is also supported by OVAHC members.

New Business: John Parrott inquired about member interest in attending the 2014 Homestead Conclave in Hot Springs, VA June 15-20 and, specifically, signing up for scheduled meals/events. The detailed information he presented for each featured meal/event and activity was discussed, and helpful for deciding selections. The registration fee prior to April 1 is \$130 and after April 1, \$160. See www.homesteadconclave2014.com for Resort info/photos and Conclave details.

A reminder that the next meeting will be Sunday, February 9 at the home of John and Lauren Wallace. Arrive for tire kicking at 1:00 pm, followed by the meeting at 2:00 pm. Directions will be in the February Newsleak.

Our meeting host, Richard Pratt, welcomed all to join him at the nearby Back Porch Saloon for drink and dining.

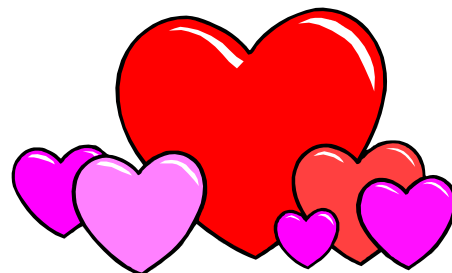
President Dale added, "BYOD" (Bring Your Own Dollars). He adjourned the meeting with a swift rap of his hammer gavel, thanking Richard again for hosting, followed by thankful applause.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Loos, Stand-In Secretary

CAUGHT IN THE ACT



Tech session at John Andorn's house, L to R, John Andorn, Bob Mertin, Dale Ballinger and Richard Pratt. In the bed of Dale's yellow truck is John's "Junk Healey"...can any Healey be Junk!!!



MEETINGS

February: Wallace's
March, Jake Jacobs
April: Grabow's (on Saturday)
May, Chamberlains
June: No meeting because of conclave.

July, Cox's
August: The Halls, picnic
Sept. Loos's
October: Parrots, bonfire
Nov. Duffy's
December: Kleins

CALENDAR

February 9 (Sunday)..... Meeting at Wallace's
March 23 (Sunday).....OVAHC Family Gymkhana @ Live
Oaks
April 19 (Saturday)..... OVAHC Family Gymkhana @ Live
Oaks
June 8..... Concours D'Elegance, Ault Park
June 14..... Caravan to Conclave (TBA)
June 15-20..... AHCA Conclave, Virginia
June 29 (Sunday)..... OVAHC Family Gymkhana @ Live
Oaks

FEBRUARY MEETING—SUNDAY 9TH

1:00 PM for tire kicking and 2:00 PM for the meeting

Home of John and Lauren Wallace
6824 Treeridge Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45244-3577
Directions: (note the driveway is off a side street not on some GPS)

home (513)- 231-8883 Cell # 513-375-8884

Directions by Dale Ballinger:

Directions: Using I-275 from southern Hamilton County, Ohio or Kentucky:

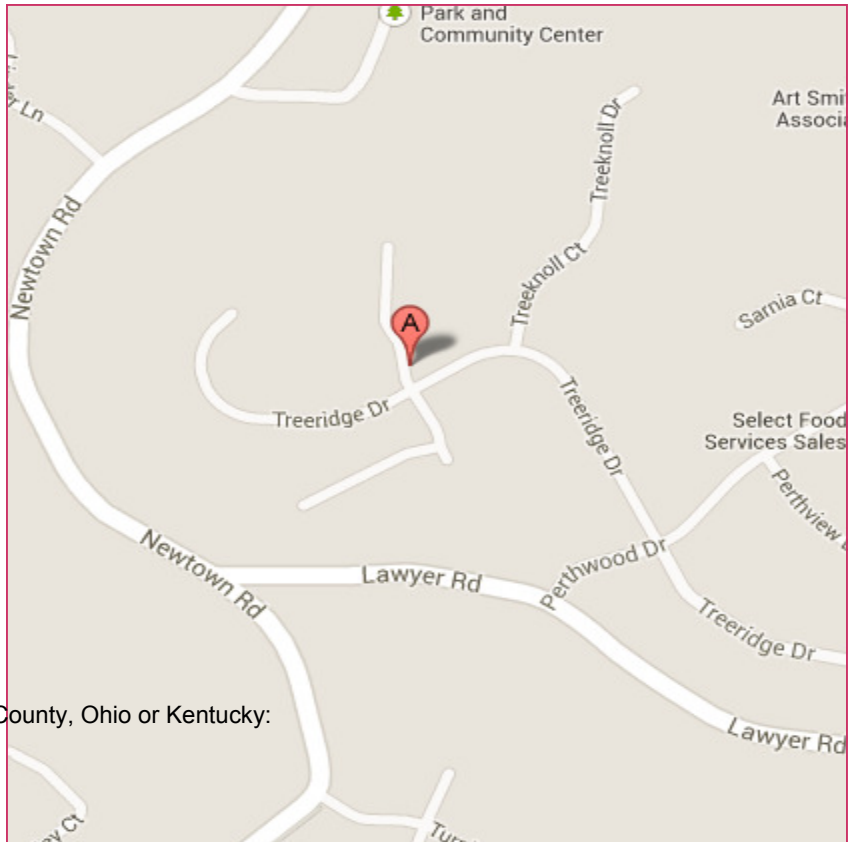
Take the Five Mile Road exit, EXIT 69
Turn onto Five Mile Road and go 2.4 miles
Turn right onto Clough Pike and go 0.4 miles
Turn left onto Wolfangel Road and go 0.6 miles
Turn left onto Little Dry Run Road for under 0.1 mile
Take the 1st right onto Lawyer Road and go 1.2 miles
Turn right onto Perthwood Drive (Treetops subdivision) and go 0.1 miles
Take the 1st left (Stop Sign) onto Treeridge Drive and go 0.2 miles
When you see Treevalley Court on the left, turn right instead at the set of mailboxes on the right onto Treeridge Court.
6824 is down on the right hand side

From 275 (northern Hamilton County, Ohio):

275 exit 63A Route 32 to Newtown 4.9 miles
Left on Church Street (becomes Newtown Rd) 1.2 Miles
Left onto Lawyer Rd. 0.2 miles
First Left onto Perthwood Drive to Stop Sign (0.08 miles)
Left at Stop sign onto Treeridge (0.2 miles)
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Directions from downtown Cincinnati:

Keep left to take US-50 East from I-471 or I-75 or I-71 towards Columbia Pkwy/US-52 go 6.4 miles
Take the exit toward OH-32/Beechmont Ave/OH-125 go 0.1 miles
Stay straight to go onto Phylliss Ave for a few yards
Take the 1st right onto Beechmont Ave/OH-32 go 1.4 miles
Merge onto OH-32 E/Batavia Rd toward Newtown/Batavia and go 0.7 miles
Turn slight right onto Clough Pike go 1.4 miles
Turn left onto Newtown Road and go 0.7 miles
Turn sharp right onto Lawyer Road and go 0.2 mile
Take the 1st left onto Perthwood Drive and go 0.1 mile
Left at stop sign onto Treeridge (0.2 miles)
When you see Treevalley Court on the left, turn right instead at the set of mailboxes on the right onto Treeridge Court.
6824 Treeridge is on the right (note the driveway is off a side street not on some GPS)



TECH SESSIONS:

Bob Mertin's Transmission work is on hold again for parts. The gearbox is back together, but a few piston rings were broken and need to be replaced. Thanks to Richard, Tim, Skip, Gayle

Jerry and Curt for all their hard work!



"Richard Pratt, Lead Tech Team Gearhead, checking the oil level in Bob Merten's transmission with a file while Skip Jackson and Curt Lang look on. This requires many years of experience and is best done on someone's transmission other than your own. So don't try this at home."



John Parrott's big Healey slowly coming back to life. Thanks to Tech Team members Richard, Gayle, and Bob for their expert advise and assistance. John plans to perfect his aluminum welding technique and get his car back on the road.



Last chance for registration form.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

National Member Number _____

NAME _____
Last First Spouse First Name

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

CAR INFO _____
(New member or any car changes) YEAR TYPE SERIAL #

The OVAHC/National Austin-Healey Club of America membership is \$65 due by **January 15th** each year. All members will receive the monthly **Healey-Marque** an award-winning magazine, a national directory, a calendar, and our local monthly **Newsleak** with information about our club's activities. New members, please pay dues and complete a registration form. Everyone is encouraged to attend monthly meetings and join us for other activities. Our goals are to promote friendship and to preserve the Healey Marque. Thank you.

Please make your check payable to OVAHC and send to our membership officer:

Pat Duffey
6320 Ristaneo Drive
Middletown, OH 45042
or

Registration can be completed on the Austin-Healey Club of America web site
www.healeyclub.org/join-paydues.aspx

Choose an option for your OVAHC newsletter. (Electronic is recommended.)

☐ I want only the *Newsleak* electronic version. This saves our club's funds.

☐ Please **only** mail me the *Newsleak*, nothing by e-mail.