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NEWSLEAK

March 2014

February Minutes



February meeting at Wallace's...
John (L) and Lauren (R)

The February 9, 2014 OVAHC meeting was called to order by President Dale Ballinger. He thanked John and Lauren Wallace for hosting the meeting at their welcoming home on this wintry Sunday afternoon. Officer Reports: Vice President: Scott Brown had no report at this time. Treasurer/Membership: Pat Duffey was unable to attend, but provided information that was present-our hostess, Lauren Wallace: There are nine members who have not paid their membership dues. Dues will still be accepted, at the annual fee of \$65.00, which includes both national and local club membership. Pat received a very nice letter of appreciation from the Dragonfly Foundation for the OVAHC \$250 donation. <https://www/TheDragonflyFoundation.org>

Secretary: Nancy Hall is dealing with snowbird traffic snafus in sunny Fort Myers, Florida.

Stand-In Secretary: Cindy Loos asked if the January 2014 Minutes required any additions or corrections. As none were stated, the Minutes were approved as written.

Activities Coordinator: Skip Jackson announced several upcoming events:

>>All are invited to a Swing Music Concert/Dance featuring Jeff Porada in the Keith Jones and The Makeshifts Band at Memories Supper Club, Saturday, February 22. Admission is \$10 per person with soft drinks/cash bar. The Club is located off I-74 Dry Fork Road (3 miles from the Indiana border). <http://www.memoriesupperclub.com>

>>The annual Mardi Gras parades in Covington, KY will be held on Friday, February 28 (Big Head Parade) and Saturday, March 1 (Grande Parade). The OVAHC has been invited to participate in the parades.

<http://mainstrassevillage96rockmardigras.org> A show of hands indicated seven members/cars, who are interested in participating.

Newsletter Editor: Mary Ann Grabow informed she has a new computer, new publisher and is really enjoying working on the Newsleak.

Technical Director: Bernie Grabow said the Tech Team has been active, completing Bob Merten's BT7 transmission rebuild and reinstallation. Work has begun on Ben Grabow's newly-acquired BT7. The Tech Team (Dale Ballinger, Bernie Grabow, Skip Jackson, Gayle Loos, Bob Merten and Lead Guy, Richard Pratt) removed the water pump, radiator and rear fenders. Bernie observed, "Lots of metal termites". There will be plenty of tech team sessions to accomplish wheels-on-the-road status. E-mail Bernie for any technical assistance requests.

Historian: Judy Chamberlain is busy at Fort Myers Beach removing pesky sand particles from shoes, vehicle and abode.

Delegate: Don Klein provided several copies of California and South Texas monthly Healey magazines. He informed SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) has introduced legislation in Ohio to amend current historical motor vehicle use to less restrictive regulations. For more info: www.sema.org and, SAN (SEMA Action Network) at www.semasan.com He will be attending Leadership Meetings March 7-8 in Charlotte, NC. Meeting results will be published in Healey Marque. As AHCA Vice President of Safety, Don is writing a report, which will include his establishment of guidelines for hill climbs and speed runs. Also, he needs volunteers for OVAHC-setup and assistance for the Homestead, VA 2014 Conclave Autocross and Speed Run events (June 15-20).

President Dale recognized Troy and Lauren Davidson in attendance. Glad to see them.

Minutes, continued

Standing Committees: John Jacobs, Conclave 2016 Chairperson. "Planning In hibernation." John Parrott and Chris Wolfer, Conclave graphic artworks, are targeting this summer for logo promotion/advertising. Tom Hall, 2014 September Roundup Chairperson is in hibernation from the frigid climate, assuming snowbird status.

It has been suggested that the Roundup Car Show could be at Jungle Jim's in Fairfield, OH. Skip Jackson, in charge of the September Roundup Silent Auction, is actively seeking donations and requested: When decluttering, save some of those items for the fun and fundraising auction.

New Business: Jake Jacobs is selling a 1973 Opal GT, 50,000 original owner miles. Great condition and he'll take any reasonable offer.

Tim Ross inquired about the Club receiving discounts from Moss Motors for parts as there are ongoing purchases and often large orders by members (i.e. Tech Team parts order lists). Regularly discounted parts can be purchased from Little British Car Company <http://www.lbcarco.com> There is also a reward program (one point per \$1.00 spent). The company's return policy was discussed.

Tim offered, as an informal OVAHC lending library, his out-of-print book and an "excellent read", Austin Healey by Geoffrey Healey, to anyone interested.

Jake Jacobs reviewed 2014 OVAHC Autocross dates which are posted on the website <http://www.ohiovalleyahc.com>

(Driver Training).

President Dale thanked Chris Wolfer for volunteering to host the June 7 OVAHC meeting at his home in Alexandria, KY.

He reminded that the next meeting will be Monday, March 10 at the home of Jake and Joyce Jacobs. More info/directions will be in the March Newsleak. He adjourned the meeting, once again thanking our hosts, John and Lauren Wallace, followed by much appreciative applause.

Respectfully Submitted, Cindy Loos, Stand-In Secretary

Event to be held at the following time, date, and location:



Saturday, March 22, 2014 from
1:00 PM to 7:00 PM (EDT)

Fuel Coffee

2726 Riverside Dr
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Sign up now...limited space.
Go to

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/leprechaun-run-8-tickets-10583739249>

For more information.....

Caught in the act



The Tech Team's mad scientists at work on Bob Mertin's transmission, Tim "Einstein" Ross and his assistant Dale "Jekyll-Hyde" Ballinger

Meetings

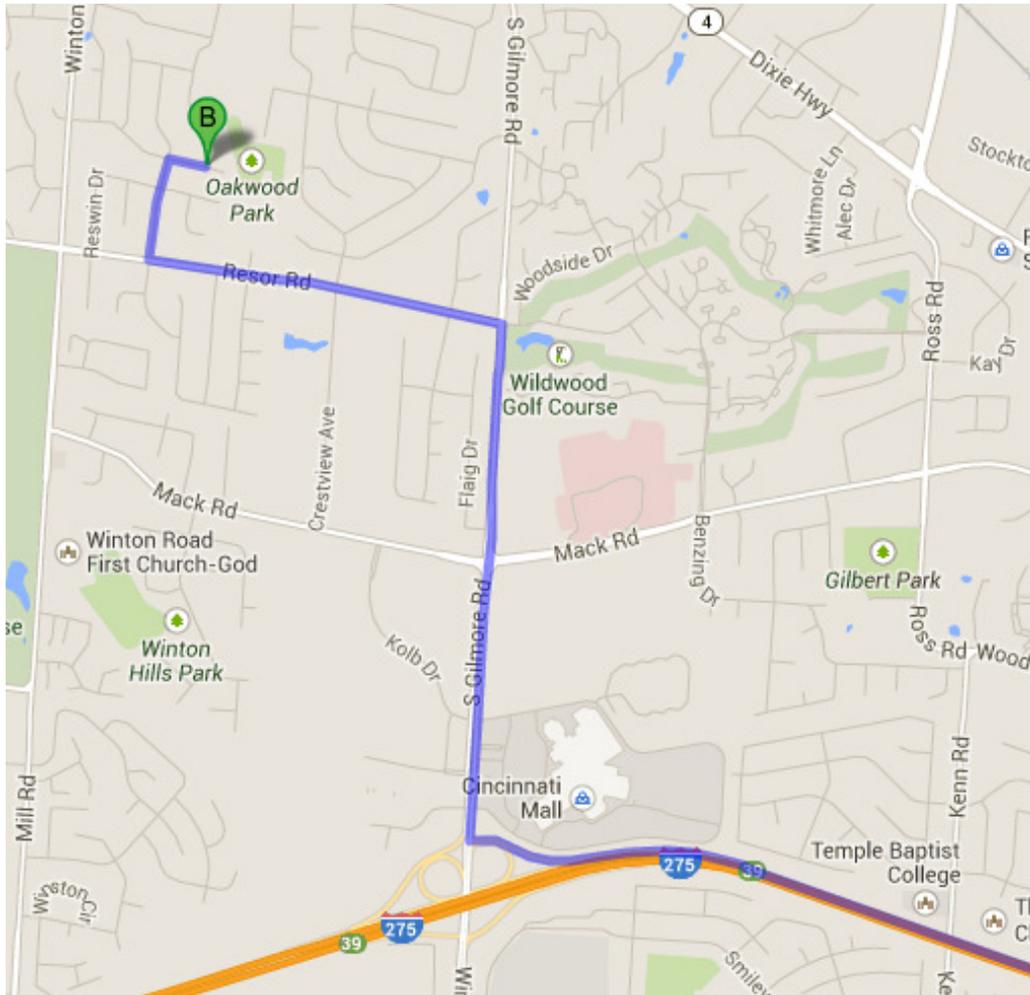
March, Jake Jacobs (second Monday evg)
April: Grabow's (on Saturday)
May, Chamberlains
June: Wolfers

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

Calendar

March 22 (Saturday)..... Leprechaun Run (see info this Nslk)
March 23 (Sunday).....OVAHC Family Gymkhana @ Live Oaks
April 19 (Saturday)..... OVAHC Family Gymkhana @ Live Oaks
May 15, 16 & 17..... Springthing (mark your calendars)
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
July 20 (Sunday).....OVAHC Family Gymkhana @ Live Oaks
October 19 (Sunday)..... OVAHC Family Gymkhana @ Live Oaks

March meeting—Jake Jacobs



Take I-275 to Winton Road Exit and go north

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| 14. Continue onto S Gilmore Rd | |
| _____ | 0.9 mi |
| ← 15. Turn left onto Resor Rd | |
| _____ | 0.8 mi |
| → 16. Turn right onto Sigmon Way | |
| _____ | 0.2 mi |
| → 17. Take the 2nd right onto Oaktree Dr | |
| _____ | 446 ft |
| ← 18. Take the 1st left onto Monica Dr | |
| Destination will be on the right | |
| _____ | 13 ft |



5501 Monica Dr
Fairfield, OH 45014

The March meeting of OVAHC will be on Monday night, March 10. at Jake and Joyce Jacob's. 5501 Monica Drive.

It is anticipated that there will be a demonstration and use of a plasma cutter at this meeting so you won't want to miss it. Meeting starts at 8:00—kick tires at 7:00.

513-858-3071

Tech Sessions: part one

We were able to finish putting my Trans. back together Friday. Richard made a tapered sleeve so the Operating Piston could slide through the sleeve and into position with its new rings, slick.

Then after using a dummy shaft to align the Thrust Washers the Trans. & Overdrive were bolted together with very little jiggling. I don't know when I will be able to schedule putting the Trans. into the car.

Thanks again to Richard, Curt & Dale, it was a chilly day. Unfortunately the batteries died in my camera so there is only one new photo.



Tech Sessions: part two

First I would like to thank Richard, Gayle, Dale, Skip, Tim & Curt for putting the Transmission back in the car. I'm glad that the more Tropical climate in Cleves allowed us not to be bothered with more snow, like others woke up to this morning.

The installation went pretty easy, a little twisting and pushing was required but we had sufficient man power to muscle it home. Easier time than the Bronco's had.

We even started it up, ran through the gears, clicked the Over Drive in and out and it seemed to work OK, even though it was up on jacks. So after a couple of months of learning to be patient, it was worth the wait.



Tech Session at Ben Grabow's

Richard Pratt working at his "desk"



Bernie and Gayle grinding lights!



Note the lively green panels



Bob and Dale

On Saturday, February 8th, after ensuring they'd each had their tetanus shots, several members of the OVAHC paid a visit to Southgate, KY to see what the younger Grabow had gotten himself into this time. On jack stands and awaiting inspection stood a 1960 MkI 3000 BT7, a four-seater with two remaining seats. After an overview the car is doing surprisingly well for its age, and it appears that the Dreaded Previous Owner limited his handiwork to the coves outside the car. The paint job here appears to be part hot-rod, part fish scales, and part Magic 3D Picture (if you cross your eyes and stare, you can see many future hours in the garage).

Naturally, with six Healey club members in the garage, it was only a matter of time before the rear fenders and boot lid were removed, with the doors and front fenders to follow shortly. Thanks to Bernie, Richard, Dale, Bob, and Gayle (and a brief appearance by Skip) for your help. When can you come back??

Bluegrass Austin Healey Club

Springthing 2014

Is coming to Georgetown, Ky!
Save the Date - May 15,16 & 17
Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Registration forms and hotel details to follow
Mark your Calendar and join us in the spring!

*Linda Moore and Bev Frazier,
Springthing Chairpersons*

Gymkhana 2014

Hello, Tim, Gene & Melinda, Gene & Sally, Jon & Pamela, Alan & Margaret, Marlene, James & Karen, Steve, Scott & Eileen, Don, Don & Dolores, William & Judy, Jerry & Charleen, Troy & Lauren, Chad & Christina, Edwin, Robert & Judith, Ben & Jenny, Bernie & Mary Ann, Bob & Maureen, William & Deborah, Steve & Cathy, Douglas, Kenneth & Pat, Curt & Judy, Chuck & Norma, James, Bob & Marion, Robert, Mark & Tammy, David, John & Janet, Barb, Richard, Tim & Bobbie, Howard & Susan, Thomas & Carole, Tom & Penny, John & Lauren, Jeff & Rebbie, James & Sherry, John & Joan, **or anyone I missed, and all the "regulars" whom attend the OVAHC Family Gymkhanas. Thank you in advance.**

I was trying to think of something motivational to say for March....so here are your Marching Orders!

I am giving you a personal invitation to work, play, stop by to visit, and / or drive starting on Sunday, March 23, 2014 - rain or shine - at a gymkhana held at Live Oaks Technical School parking lot east of Milford, Ohio. Check out the full page notice in this *Newsleak* for complete information, directions, and times. (starting about 9:00 AM for setup volunteers) We are counting on our fellow Ohio Valley Austin - Healey Club members to assist this year. This is a fund raiser for our club. Bring lawn chairs and a cooler if you want. No alcohol permitted. There is shade usually available. You can drive for \$20 for six runs or ride for free while wearing a helmet and seat belt. Even if you just want to drop by to check it out, take photos, cheer, and join us for dinner somewhere afterwards, you are encouraged to get involved with the club this year in some fashion. *The more the merrier!*



Sincerely,
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President OVAHC
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Ohio Valley Austin – Healey Club

Driver's Training / Gymkhana 2014

Ohio Valley Austin – Healey Club Drivers Training / Gymkhana 2014

Sunday, March 23

Saturday, April 19 (day before Easter)

Sunday, June 29 Ladies Day (free runs for them)

Sunday, July 20

Sunday, Oct 19



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 (@ Circle K gas station) this is the nearest rest room and store.

Time: Gates will remain closed until 9:30am for setup. Registration closes at 10:30ish or 20 cars, whichever happens first. Runs start as soon as possible. Clean-up/ awards 3:30 ish. Everyone will be required to sign a waiver and all drivers are required to work or supply a worker/spotter when not running. Bring lawn chairs and a cooler; there is shade available. No alcohol permitted.

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

Required Equipment: A safe/functioning car with seat belts and secured battery (we will inspect it) any make or model. 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 may 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. Remember - you are competing against yourself, not others - come out and have some fun with your car! - Rain or Shine

Questions call the Committee: Jake Jacobs (beancounter) 513.858-3071; Don Klein (track master) 513.895-2624; Bob Duffey (equipment master) 513.424-0328; Jeff Porada (driving specialist) 513.315-8958 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