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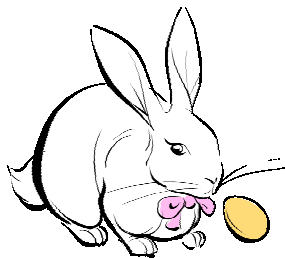
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NEWSLEAK



April 2014

March minutes



The March 10, 2014 OVAHC meeting was called to order by **President** Dale Ballinger. He thanked Jake and Joyce Jacobs for hosting the meeting. He also thanked Richard Pratt for his preparation time to present a plasma cutter demonstration. This demo will be immediately after the meeting.

Officer Reports:

Vice President: Scott Brown had no report at this time.

Treasurer/Membership: Pat Duffey was unable to attend, but provided a reminder that 2014 dues will continue to be accepted for the annual fee of \$65.00, which includes both national and local club membership.

Secretary: Nancy Hall was unable to attend.

Stand-In Secretary: Cindy Loos had a copy of the February Newsleak, if needed for review. As no corrections/additions were needed, the Minutes stand approved.

Editor: Mary Ann Grabow announced an interesting presentation on the Boone County Barn Quilt Trail, will be held at the Boone County Main Library in Burlington, KY Thursday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. www.bcpl.org Wooden barn quilt boards began in 2006, as a project initiated by the Florence Women's Club. More barns continue to be adorned, and, to date, there are 78 mounted barn quilt boards and 1 board in the works. The OVAHC-donated barn quilt is featured on the front of their brochure. www.BooneBarnQuilts.com Mary Ann suggested a back roads tour, including some wineries.

>>>Mary Ann reminds: Deadline is the 20th of the month to submit articles, photos, info to be included in the next Newsleak issue.

Technical Director: Bernie Grabow said Scott Brown's BT7 transmission, currently resides at Richard Pratt's, awaiting parts, and another session to reassemble. Bernie's son, Ben's BT7 project is nearly disassembled and will be transported to Bernie's garage for extensive structural work. A tech session is scheduled this Saturday, March 15, at Tim Akers, to replace his MGB four-speed transmission to an overdrive transmission. Tuesday, March 11, a tech session has been scheduled at John Parrott's for structural measurements on his ongoing BT7 restoration. E-mail Bernie for any technical assistance requests. He reminded that there is a diverse knowledgeable base of core group semi- and retired members who are capable of (and enjoy) tackling complex mechanical, electrical and structural issues.

Historian: Judy Chamberlain was unable to attend.

Delegate /Website: Don Klein was unable to attend. **President** Dale reminds: Don will need volunteers to assist for the OVAHC Autocross setup and run at the Homestead, VA 2014 Conclave in June.

www.homesteadconclave2014.com

Activities Coordinator: Skip Jackson noted some upcoming events that Healey members have participated and enjoyed:

The annual **Leprechaun Run** will be held on Saturday, March 22 from 1:00-7:00 p.m.. Vehicle registration is limited to 60 drivers, and the event is now listed as Sold Out on the website www.eventbrite.com/leprechaunrun

8 Cars for the Cure, in Indianapolis, will be held Sunday, March 30 from 12 Noon-4:00 p.m..

Vice President Scott Brown will be attending and invites anyone to join him. It should be a fun event with many unusual cars. www.eventbrite.com/cars-for-the-cure

>>>Past Events: The annual Mardi Gras Grande Parade in Covington, KY was enhanced with three (weather-cooperative) top-down Healeys: Bernie and Mary Ann Grabow, Dale and Sandy Ballinger and Skip Jackson. All reported a festive time, lots of Healey admiration (and promotion), and a need for lots more beads/candy for next year's parade spectators. Memories Supper Club and Lounge featured Jeff Porada playing a smokin' saxophone in the Keith Jones and Makeshifts Band. Skip reported a good time with dancing and toe-tapping to the rockabilly tunes.

>>>The first **Driver Training** will be Sunday, March 23 at the Live Oaks Technical School parking lot (more info in this issue or on the club website <http://www.ohiovalleyahc.com> Skip noted, if interested, a possible

March minutes continued

overnight drive on the Triple Nickel Highway (Rt. 555) www.openroadjourney.com/triple-nickel Chuck Law said it's a great drive. The Bluegrass AHC annual **Springthing** will be in Georgetown, KY, May 15-16-17—always a guaranteed memory-making time. **Ault Park Concours d'Elegance** in Cincinnati, will be Sunday, June 8. www.concours.com A Healey parking area will again be reserved for OVAHC members. There are still reserved rooms available for Healey caravan travelers en route to the Homestead Conclave at the Hawks Nest State Park Lodge in Ansted, WV www.tripadvisor/hawksnestlodge Call or e-mail Skip for info.

>>> Jake Jacobs informed about a unique, potentially valuable resource, **The Manufactory**. It's advertised as "the ultimate workshop", full of a wide variety of equipment to use for learning, a preview use prior to purchase, building or repairing almost anything. www.themanufactory.us He had brochures available, and suggested a group tour of this facility that opened January 2014. There was discussion and definite interest.

Standing Committees: Conclave 2016 Chairperson John Jacobs informed planning is in hibernation. 2014 September Roundup Chairperson Tom Hall was unable to attend. Jake Jacobs has begun discussion with Jungle Jim's as a possible site for the Roundup Car Show. **President** Dale had proposed this site as more interesting and unique (and potentially more crowd appeal) than the Marriott Hotel parking lot.

Old Business: Volunteers for setup and run assistance are needed for the Saturday, April 19 Driver's Training/Gymkhana at Live Oaks Technical School in Milford, OH. Call (513-858-3071) or e-mail Jake Jacobs jake.jacobs@fuse.net

New Business: Jake Jacobs presented the opportunity to purchase, at good value, upgraded, newer equipment to replace the Club's aged ("two-decade or older") apparatus, currently in use for Driver's Training/Gymkhana. The equipment (i.e. helmets, timing device, cones) and updated system improvements (i.e. timing device, PA system) will enhance everyone's autocross experience. **(For more detailed coverage, read Jake Jacob's article in this [Newsleak](#) issue.)** He proposed the Club purchase this equipment. Scott Brown seconded the motion. After discussion, a unanimous vote carried the motion.

As there was no additional business, **President** Dale announced the next meeting will be Saturday, April 12 at the home of Bernie and Mary Ann Grabow (directions in the [Newsleak](#)). Arrive at 1:00 p.m. for tire kicking, and 2:00 for the meeting. He adjourned the meeting, again thanking our hosts, Jake and Joyce Jacobs, followed by robust applause.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Loos, Stand-In Secretary

Jake explaining his garage paint booth





SpringThing

Join us May 15-18, 2014!

Name _____

Guest _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Car 1 _____ Car 2 _____

Club Affiliation _____

Is this your first SpringThing? YES NO

_____ Registration - \$60 (includes two adults)

_____ Glen Willis Mansion dinner - \$28 (per person)

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Bluegrass Austin-Healey Club

Mail registration and payment to:

Mike Schneider

3416 Barbour Lane

Louisville, KY 40241

HOST HOTEL - Room rate \$85++

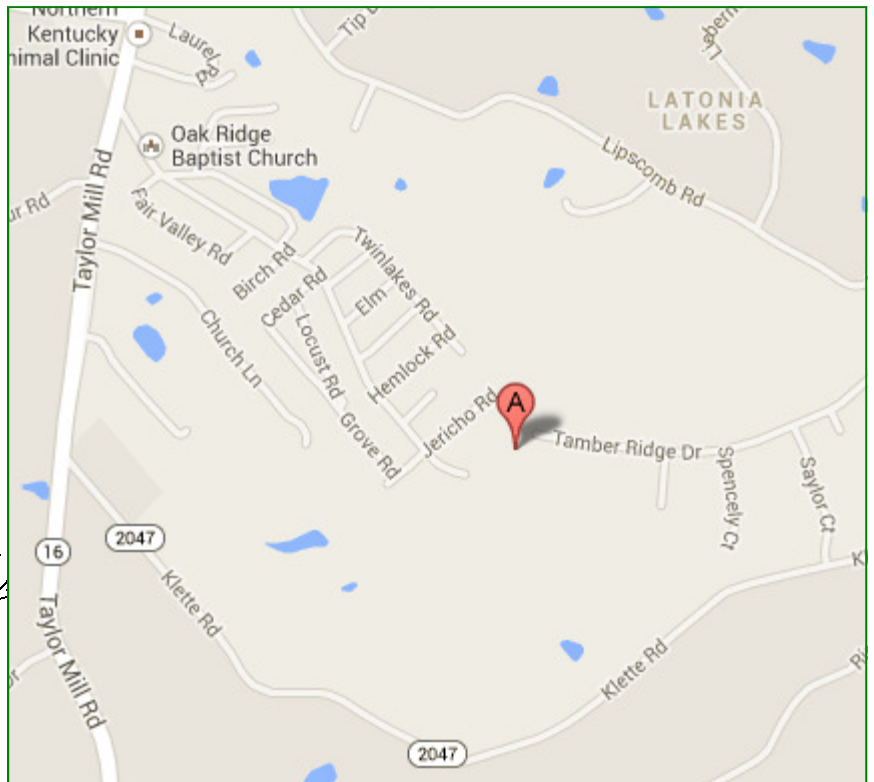
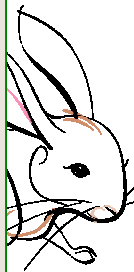
Holiday Inn Express - Georgetown

140 Osborne Way, Georgetown, KY

(502) 570-0220

*For more information visit,
www.BluegrassClub.com or
email lindamoore@me.com or call
(502) 451-9450*

April meeting: Grabows



Take Rt. 16 from 275 in NKY and head south. **Be prepared** for new turns and twists as the roads are being remodeled and enlarged. *If you follow Taylor Mill Rd., Rt. 16...you will turn left at the light following the Rt. 16 signs. That route will end at a stop sign where you will turn left on Pride Parkway (new road). Turn left and the road goes from 5 lanes down to 2 just past Senour Drive...Klette will be on your left). Turn left on Klette Rd Turn left on Saylor Court and left again on Tamber Ridge. We are at the end of the street on the left (3575)

*There is an alternate route, instead of turning left to continue on Rt. 16, go straight until the road dead ends (road closed) and turn left. Travel along "Old Taylor Mill" road and it will make a left onto the new Pride Parkway where you continue as above until you get to Klette Rd.

3575 Tamber Ridge Drive 41015 859-359-5488

The kick tires part of the meeting will start at 1:00 and the meeting will begin at 2:00. See you there!

Caught in the act

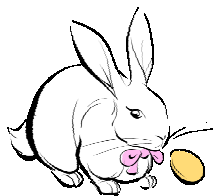


Mardi Gras parade in Mainstrasse, Covington, KY. This is the future car show venue for Conclave 2016. Note Dale & Sandy, Bernie & Mary Ann and Skip riding in the parade!



Meetings

April: Grabow's (on Saturday)
May: Chamberlains
June: Wolfers

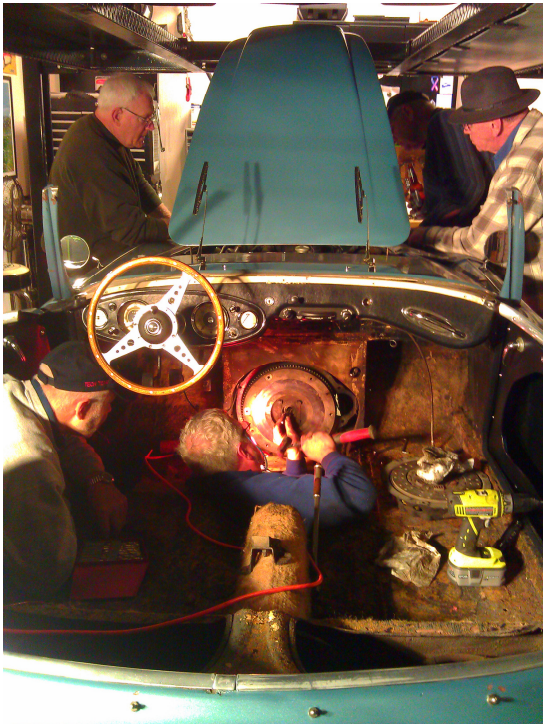


July, Cox's
August: The Halls, picnic
Sept. Loos's
October: Parrots, bonfire
Nov. Duffy's
December: Kleins

Calendar

April 12 (Saturday)..... OVAHC meeting at Grabows
April 19 (Saturday)..... OVAHC Family Gymkhana @ Live Oaks
May 15, 16, 17, 18..... Springthing (registration in newsletter)
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

Tech session Scott Brown 1 & 2



Thanks everyone for doing a great job at transmission removal today! No injuries, no Healey parts damaged, and just a good time. Clutch disk and throw out bearing were definitely

on their last legs and laygear, first gear, and a couple of syncs should be replaced. Will get to detail parts cleaning tomorrow and see if any other surprises are there.

Scott



Tech session Tim Akers





A successful amputation of a non overdrive transmission and replacement with an overdrive equipped transmission was performed in Tim Akers garage by the OVAHC tech team in record time. Future session will complete the wiring installation and necessary rehab.



Tech Session Ben Grabow part 2



Ben's Healey disassembly was successfully accomplished by the OVAHC tech team. Will need extensive treatment for metal termites. More sessions to come. Project to be transferred to Bernie's garage in the near future.



Tech session at John Parrott

Some Photos of John Parrott's car. Most of the substructure welding is complete but it was time to fit the fenders, shrouds & doors just to get an idea of the fit and general matching up of the crease down the side and how the doors worked. So all in all it went together like most of them do, a little tap tap here a little bang bang. Final conclusion it will work. Jerry Cox even drove his MG-B over to work on the Healey. Sure was a nice day!

Bob Merten



Here is a recap of the purchase of the Driver's Training equipment.... Jake

Drivers Training updated equipment opportunity:

Jim Clarke of the Cincinnati Sports Car Club called Jake at Tim Silver's suggestion to offer the OVAHC timing and related equipment at distressed pricing.

Cincinnati Sports Car Club is a local/independent Club whose focus is/was Autocross solo events as an alternative/adjunct to the SCCA.

They were created in the 70's and pretty much followed SCCA guidelines for their events. Their events were held at the Sharonville Oaks site.

Over the years with the increased competition for site time (motorcycle training), insurance and safety requirements they were forced to require/cater to larger numbers of participants for their events to make the economics work. This has occurred as their membership has dwindled while alternatives like the large coarse SCCA events in Wilmington were drawing their market.

They have concluded that what started as a labor of love has evolved into large labor for a few and are disbanding.

They are offering for \$500:

- 1.) A relatively current (5 years) computer based timing system that is capable of running 4 cars at a time. With many upgraded and many spare components.
- 2.) 6 or 8 loaner helmets (1 or 2 Snell ratings behind)
- 3.) A complete PA system with 4 speakers and a custom setup table.

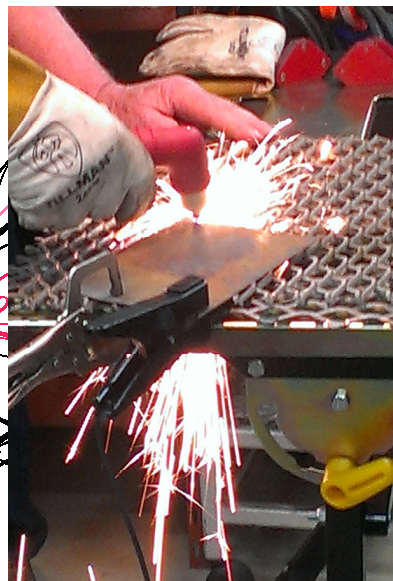
And potentially 50 cones for an additional \$100

Jim was invited and attended our meeting answering all of our questions.

Jake made a motion to accept which was seconded and approved after a little discussion.

PS: Jim and Don were head to head competitors in Don's SCCA days in the vintage class. Jim ran a prepared 1968 Datsun. He is working on making it street able and is thinking of getting a piece of British iron to play with.

Jake



Plasma Cutter

You may have missed an awesome OVAHC car club meeting. Jake Jacobs is sharing his new Plasma cutter with the club. Richard Pratt demonstrated the equipment after sharing safety tips and rules. Even one of the girls tried it out...really cool way to cut metal!



Ohio Valley Austin – Healey Club

Driver's Training / Gymkhana

2014



Ohio Valley Austin – Healey Club Drivers Training / Gymkhana 2014

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

Authorization to purchase "new to us" equipment for this event. Come join the fun!