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NEWSLEAK

April minutes



May 2014

After an impromptu "Bernie's Garage Band" duo performance of guitar (Dale Ballinger) and banjo (Ben Grabow) singing and strumming a rousing, toe-tapping rendition of composer Dale's Healey song, "Drop Your Top", the April 12, 2014 OVAHC meeting was called to order with several sledge hammer raps from **President** Dale Ballinger. He thanked Ben for accompanying him for the pre-meeting entertainment, and he and his wife, Jenny and his parents, Mary Ann and Bernie Grabow for hosting the meeting. Their inviting porch and patio was a perfect place to enjoy an exceptional sunny, warm Spring afternoon for tire kicking and conversation.

Officer Reports:

Vice President: Scott Brown reported on the recent **Cars for the Cure** event in Indianapolis held in the Stutz Museum, housed in the factory that built the Stutz vehicles. There were 50 featured cars including brand new Lotus models, and notably, a rare De Tomaso Mangusta; the original owner with his 289 Shelby Cobra with its dash inscribed with Carroll Shelby's signature, and many Stutz models, including the rebuilt Black Hawk Special, a beach racer that, in 1928, ran at over 200 miles/hour, crashing on Daytona Beach. In addition, there were 3 Healeys, he recalled one owned by Jim Frakes and Ron Francis' Austin Healey 100M. Scott looks forward to returning to this annual worth-a-visit event that benefits Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and invites anyone to join him next year.

Treasurer/Membership: Pat Duffey continues to accept membership dues and updating information.

Secretary: Nancy Hall unable to attend.

Stand-In Secretary: Cindy Loos provided a copy of the March [Newsleak](#), for review. As no corrections were needed, the Minutes stand approved.

Activities Coordinator: Skip Jackson noted the following upcoming events: **Drivers' Training** this Saturday, April 19, setup and OVAHC volunteer workers welcome at 9:00 a.m. and drivers should arrive by 10:00 a.m..

>>> Saturday, April 26 is **Cars 'n Quilts Show** (\$5.00 admission): Anyone interested in attending, arrangements are to meet at Cracker Barrel near Milford, OH (Exit # 59 and west on 450) at 8:00 a.m. to eat, or 9:00 a.m. to depart to the Show. www.chatfield.edu The annual **Jerry Stautberg Memorial Car Show** held at Harvest Home Fairgrounds in Cheviot, Oh will be Sunday, May 4 www.jerrycarshow.com To be decided: Thursday, 5-15 or Friday, 5-16 departure, on Route 25 to Georgetown for the **Bluegrass Club** hosted **Springthing** event. Saturday, May 24 is the **British Transportation Museum Car Show** in Dayton www.britishcardaydayton.com

>>> **Ault Park Concours d'Elegance** will be Sunday, June 8. Advance tickets can be reserved at a reduced price of \$10.00 off the regular price, at the May OVAHC meeting www.ohioconcours.com Saturday, June 14, a Healey caravan will depart from Wilder, KY to the **Homestead VA 2014 Conclave** on a preplanned route. Saturday, June 28 will be another **Drivers' Training** at Live Oaks Technical School in Milford, OH. Sunday, July 6 is a club event for the annual **Rising Sun, IN Car Show** www.sinerpridecarshow.com Saturday, July 12 is a commemorative day for older cars with cruise and ice cream social activity to be planned. Sunday, July 27 is **Rollin' on the River Car Show** in Fernbank Park at Saylor Park, OH www.rollinontherivercarshow.com

>>> Jake and John Jacobs will be attending Encounter 2014 in Lehigh Valley, PA, presented by the AH Sports and Touring Club, beginning Thursday, August 7. (Both AH Clubs will be planning a combined Encounter/Conclave 2015 in Gettysburg, PA.)

>>> Contact Skip for more details for any of these events.

Editor: No report except a reminder: The deadline to submit articles, photos, info to be included in the next [Newsleak](#) issue is the 20th of the month.

Delegate/Website: Don Klein has literature and a report about working positions at the Homestead Conclave 2014 for our competitive events. See him after the meeting to see maps and layouts of the competitive driving events. Don said he would like to plan a drive later in the year on Tail of the Dragon in Southeast

April minutes continued

Ohio. The road is a 20-mile run through forests in between two state parks. He said the the [Healey Marque](#) will have an overview of delegate plans and actions, including his.

Technical Director: Bernie Grabow thanked Tim Ross for his ultra-excellent trailer, and his assistance (in a chilling rain) to transport Ben's BN7 to Bernie's garage on a 38-degree rainy day. Many good stories were made that day, and will it will be one of those memorable car tale experiences. Tech sessions will resume when parts orders are received. Ben said the bill for all that metal is more than he paid for three of his cars! Sunday, April 13, a tech session is scheduled for Matt Simpson's 1967 BJ8, to work on the brake booster and a tune-up. The next tech session (aka "tech intervention") will be scheduled when Ben's parts become available.

>>>Anyone is welcome to attend these tech sessions.

Historian: Judy Chamberlain was unable to attend.

>>> Dale thanked Bob Merten, **Newsleak** publisher, for his time and work to print and mail the OVAHC newsletter.

Old Business: OVAHC is hosting September Roundup 2014 and several different Fairfield sites are being considered for the car show. Jake will be meeting with the Fairfield Activities Coordinator. Various area attractions were discussed for the Roundup schedule. A brief Roundup committee meeting will be held after this meeting.

Conclave 2016 planning remains in hibernation.

>>> Autocross: Saturday, April 19 will be the only Saturday Driver's Training. Jake is very pleased with the equipment purchased from the Cincinnati Sports Car Club. The timer box, alone, is well worth the overall cost. The reflective lights are more easily aligned. Also received: 60 cones, 6 helmets, the timer box, computer, a Windows-based program that ties into the timer box for more complex recording ("run points/get over-teched"), and a newer, larger PA system with 4 speaker horns. All equipment purchased is well worth the investment. The Porsche Club is advertising Driver's Training in an effort to increase their club participation/membership. Long term, will need to consider finding another autocross site to schedule better dates, and possibly working with the Porsche Club.

New Business: Tim Ross discussed car badges for the Club, inquiring about interest in him checking into cost and quantity. He'll need the Club logo on a file. Bob Merten seconded the motion which, with unanimous vote, passed, for Tim to investigate and report results for possible purchase of OVAHC car badges.

President Dale again thanked Bernie and Mary Ann Grabow, son Ben and his wife, Jenny and their children, Tom and Jack, for hosting the meeting, followed by much appreciative applause.

>>> **President** Dale announced the May meeting will be at the home of Bill and Judy Chamberlain (details and directions in the [Newsleak](#)). He then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Loos, Stand-In Secretary

Caught in the act



OVAHC's latest duet...Ben Grabow on the banjo and Dale Ballinger on the guitar. Sang an "original" song by Dale.



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++

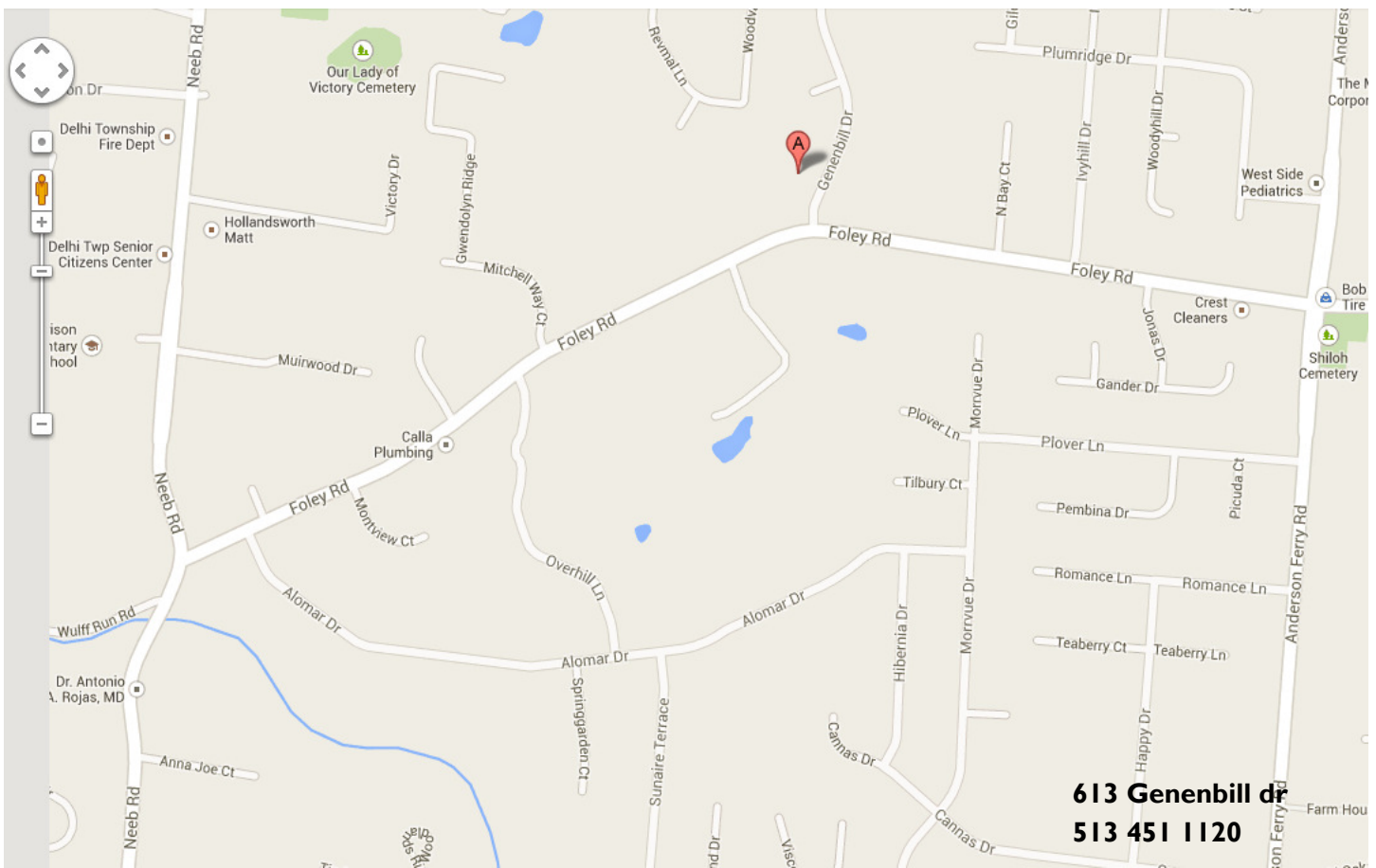
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May meeting: Chamberlains



Coming south or North I 75, I 71 or I 471, exit at Route 50 west and follow the signs and barrels. There is still construction, but the route is open, and eventually gets down to one lane as you get to river rd. **STAY TO THE RIGHT TO GET TO RIVER RD.** (that's 50 W) Remember to go slow, it is till bumpy. Once you are passed the maze, the road is fine. Follow River rd to Fairbanks Ave. Traffic light and ball park on the corner. Fairbanks will bear left and become Delhi Pike. Stay on Delhi Pike to Anderson Ferry Rd. Shopping center and Walgreens on the corner. Turn right on Anderson Ferry to Foley Rd. School and Speedway on opposite corners. Turn left on Foley, go 0.4 miles to Genenbill on right. 613 is 1st Blacktop on the left. You can also park on the concrete pad next to the drive (MSD property), and come through the trees to the house.

The adventuresome from KY. can also take the Anderson Ferry, come up Anderson Ferry to Foley and follow the above directions.

Alternate from the far north: Take I 275 West to I74 South Once on 74 S, toward Cincinnati, take the first exit on right to Rybolt Rd. Turn left on Rybolt and an immediate right on Harrison Ave.. Take Harrison Avenue to Glenway and turn right. Take Glenway to Westborn, and again turn right. There is a large Bowling alley on the corner and is directly across from a major health center. Take Westborn to Muddy Creek, a three way stop. Turn left on Muddy Creek, and then right on Neeb rd. Take Neeb rd all the way to Foley rd. Another three way stop. Turn left on Foley, and about 1/2 mile turn left onto Genenbill

Meetings

May, Chamberlains
June: Wolfers

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

Calendar

April 26..... Chatfield College Quilt & Car Show
May 4.....Harvest Home Park, Cheviot OH car show
May 12.....May meeting @ Chamberlains
7:00 kick tires, 8:00 meeting
May 15, 16, 17,18..... Springthing (registration in newsletter)
June 8..... Concours D'Elegance,Ault Park
June 14..... Caravan to Conclave (TBA)
June 21.....Return from Conclave
June 15-20..... AHCA Conclave, Virginia
June 29 (Sunday)..... OVAHC Family Gymkhana @ Live Oaks'
July 6.....Rising Sun IN, car show
July 12..... Ice Cream Social and Drive
(National Car Collector Day)
July 20 (Sunday).....OVAHC Family Gymkhana @ Live Oaks
July 27Rollin on the River, Fernbank Park Car Show
August 2.....British Car Day, Dayton, Ohio
August 2.....Indianapolis IN, Car Show
September 11..... September Roundup, Hamilton, OH
October 19 (Sunday)..... OVAHC Family Gymkhana @ Live Oaks



Saturday, August 2, 2014 9am - 4pm

<http://www.britishcardaydayton.com/bcdreg.aspx>



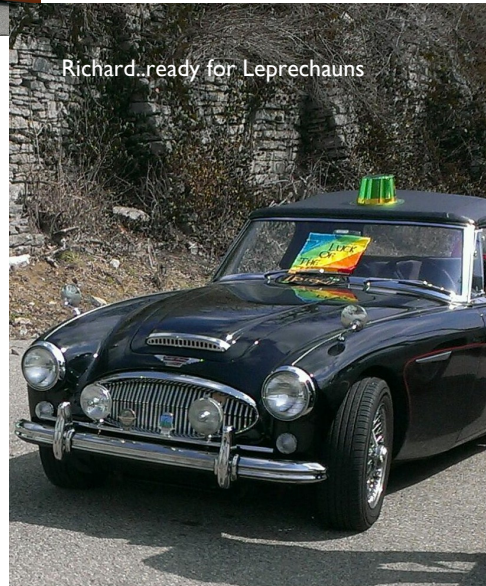
Cabbage Lips (trophy)



Dale & Richard won 3rd prize



Dale...feeling "in the green"



Richard..ready for Leprechauns

Presidential Report: Thank you to everyone whom has assisted at the two OVAHC drivers' training events so far this year. The first one on March 23 was slightly cold. Our club did all the setup work and even manned the course so the drivers would be able to run all six times without stopping. Tough-as-Brits volunteers included Scott Brown, Bernie Grabow, Skip Jackson, Jake and (son) John Jacobs, Don and (brother) Dan Klein, Gayle and Cindy Loos, and John and Janet Parrott and myself.

On April 19 our club showed up in force again and kept things running smoothly. This time Skip Jackson, Jake and Joyce and (son) John Jacobs, Bob Duffey, Tom and Nancy Hall, Don and Hazel Klein, Jeff Porada, Tim Ross, and I worked. We had a visit from the Porsche Club with about ten cars. Adding our regulars made a field of over twenty drivers and included about four shared cars. One Porsche had 450 horsepower and was beautiful. There were four British cars running the course that Don designed. Bob and Jake put the new timing system in service.

Thanks again to all involved. You are real troopers. Other dates are Sundays, June 29. July 20, and October 19. Please everyone, lend your support to your club's efforts when possible this year.

Thank you,
Dale

Drivers Training Report:

3/23/2014 Ms. Go: / Mr. Whoa: Spring, Polar Vortex, Picnics, Fowl and Speed

Ms. Go: Despite the arrival of Spring, at 33 degrees, and overcast, wintry-teaser day (compliments of a lingering edge of the wish-but-just-a-bad-memory polar vortex), the **Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club Driver's Training** pressed on.

Mr. Whoa: On Sunday, March 23, 2014 we started our new Ohio Valley Austin - Healey Club season. It was spring but it felt like winter.

Ms. Go: From the arrival of workers at 9:00 a.m., to final runs/"wrapped and packed" at 1:00 p.m. (at a balmy 41 degrees), the stalwart crew braved the chill. Tough-as-Brits volunteers included Dale Ballinger, Scott Brown, Bernie Grabow, Skip Jackson, Jake and (son) John Jacobs, Don and (brother) Dan Klein, Gayle and Cindy Loos, and John and Janet Parrott.



Mr. Whoa: Thanks to twelve working members for doing all the corner work, time keeping, paper work, and cone spotting while the cars ran uninterrupted. They all did a great job and we pulled it off again!



Ms. Go: A total of 10 drivers, each having 6 personal best runs, were well-challenged by Don's course configuration in both parking lots. Almost all drivers achieved improved times with each successive run.

Mr. Whoa: Sammy Leeke's first run was over two minutes, but she (Sammy short for Samantha?) improved to her sixth run of 76.6 seconds in a 1965 Triumph 2000 right hand drive British four door six cylinder four speed automobile. She was the fastest lady. Andy Jones was a first time driver at our event and did a 68.4 in his copper Scion FR-S and he is a third cousin of Bernie Grabow.



Ms. Go: John Parrott, working on the course, apparently had a territorial dispute (and/or Oedipal attraction) with some geese who were claiming said course as part of their habitat (and/or lead gaggle claim). John's efforts to move this assertive pair via body language, loud, authoritative commands and finally, an air horn blast, were going badly. One of the twosome decided a direct "shock and awe" challenge, with intent to inflict bodily harm, charging John with his/her widespread wings flapping, as John stated, "...X%@\$# a minimum 15-foot wing span". Don Klein intervened, and with goose whisperer-like finesse, was observed chasing the formerly persistent, now, curiously submissive pair to a distant field, far from the course. (His PETA reward should arrive any day, recognizing his geese removal from the course, as surely saving their lives.)



Mr. Whoa: Skip Jackson did a 65.3 in his 1960 Austin - Healey bug-eye Sprite. Stephen Keene drove both of Doug Jensen's British cars and managed a 64 flat time in the 1959 pumpkin Orange Triumph TR-3. Stephen Hollmann in his silver Mazda 3 drove to a 60.5 best time. He improved over 13 seconds between his second and sixth runs. Doug Jensen thrashed and wiggled the rear end of his two cars, both left and right hand drive, and ran a best time under one minute in the TR-3 to the tune of 59.4 seconds for his final run. Dan Klein was given driving encouragement by Bernie Grabow (to his detriment) and still improved almost 8 seconds in Hazel's purple haze A-H bug-eye to finish with a 57.9 best time. The mighty Miata of the day was Don Kelly in his red job with a 56.8 second run. His neighbor, Tim Barre (I believe was his name) was in attendance and cheered Don's every move.

Ms. Go: Not long after that fowl-up, another delay, due to an "unregistered" truck entering the course, to unload picnic benches under some mighty oaks. This, at least, was an encouraging sign that warmth and picnickers were soon expected. With that pause in the action, Dale provided diversion announcing, via PA, a joke..."Didja hear th' one 'bout th' State Trooper an' speeder in his shiny new car...", which garnered laughs, groans and "heard that ol' one". Thanks, Dale, it did divert.

Mr. Whoa: This leaves us to announce the top dog and his/her name is.....????????????.....

Jason Jordan and Don Klein **both** did a run of 54.8 seconds in very two different fashions. You never thought you would hear that word about a competitive gymkhana did ya? By the way, the fashion statement of the day was Janet Parrott sporting a smile and a plaid poncho/blanket while braving the 38 degree day.

Ms. Go: Janet Parrott aptly said, "Gee that was fun!"

Mr. Whoa: So Jason did six runs in a 2010+ something Charcoal Lexus V-6 with a turbo most likely, and Don was in a 1960 Austin Healey four banger and he only ran 4 times and quit, being the gentleman and good sport he is! Thrills and chills. Everyone won a Safety fast OVAHC lapel pin and had big grins on their faces when they gave our OVAHC crew a hearty round of applause. We appreciate the crowd we had and look forward to April 19. See you next time.



Ms. Go: Come join the fun! We'll be back for four more.

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Ohio Valley Austin – Healey Club Driver's Training / Gymkhana 2014

Sunday June 29, Sunday July 20, and 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 Mart gas station) this is the nearest rest room and store

Time: Gates will remain closed until 9:30 AM for setup. Registration closes at 10:30 AM or 20 cars, whichever is first. Runs start as soon as possible. Clean up/ awards 3:30 ish.

Cost: \$20.00 per Driver - Max - 25 drivers - spectators free! - Rain or Shine Everyone will be required to sign a waiver and all drivers are required to work the course when not driving. Bring 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 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.

We would like to see more vintage iron in 2014.... 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.

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

Cars for the Cure

Scott Brown

Cars for the Cure – Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, March 31st, Indianapolis

It was a beautiful sunny day for a drive to Indy to see about 50 classic cars housed in the Stutz auto museum in the original Stutz factory on West 10th Street. We immediately ran into the Indy Healey group (Jim Frakes, Bob and Melanie Haskell, and Ron and Karen Francis). Jim had his “rally” 100-6 and Ron had his beautiful 100M in the show – also Ron’s granddaughter was the poster child for the show who is leading normal life now after being diagnosed in June 2012. There were so many cars to lust after there from Indy race cars to Ferrari’s and even a great 1946 Lincoln Continental convertible. Also of interest was an beautiful 60’s Shelby Cobra with Carroll Shelby’s signature on the dash plus the gent standing next to it was the original owner! There was a DeTomaso Mangusta in the flesh that I had only seen pictures of in books – very rare and beautiful car! The Stutz museum area featured a Stutz Bearcat, the Stutz Beach Car, and an Auburn Boat tail Speedster. They even had a Stutz fire engine parked in the alley. It was a great show for a great cause – definitely going back next year to see a new selection of cars!

Scott Brown



**DeTomaso
1969
Mangusta**

One of Only 400 Made
0-60 in 6.4 seconds
Top Speed 152 MPH

Displayed by Phil Gumpert

