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NEWSLEAK

APRIL MINUTES

May 2015

The meeting started about 8 PM on Monday, April 13, 2015, at the home of Scott and Eileen Brown in Batavia, Ohio. The call to order was by President Scott. About 20 members attended. New members, Mike Cook and Kurt Niemeyer received a round of applause. Mike has a MGB for now. Kurt has various automobiles. Scott thanked his wife for hosting this meeting and she received applause. He asked for approval of the previous published minutes from the Newsleak, unless there were any corrections. Secretary Dale self-corrected the price of the OVAHC car badges. The minutes read \$40 but it is really only \$20 each. Revised minutes were approved. Scott noted that the Gettysburg Conclave main hotel, The Wyndham, is sold out. Vice President John Jacobs and Secretary Dale Ballinger had no report. Cindy Loos gave the membership report. We have 49 renewed and 6 who have dropped off. She stated our balance and noted we had a deposit from the March 15 drivers' training. She paid John Parrott for the new OVAHC business cards. Newsleak editor Mary Ann Grabow commented that she took over the editor job from Scott many moons ago by having him show her how to right click for editing, etc. Now she is a wiz. Tech director Tim Ross reported the tech team worked on Dick Sippel's Bugeye yesterday. They removed engine and transmission. Scott has engine work planned. Steven Hudson needs his hubs and shocks worked on. Tim's Healey needs some TLC also. Call him if you want to schedule a team effort. Historian Judy Chamberlain reported that the Halls and Duffeys are north-bound and Tom and Bob should be at the Romeo's lunch Wednesday.

Delegate Don Klein reported the web site is fine with about 50 hits per week. He received a thank you phone call from Chuck Anderson for the get-well card we sent. Business Manager Jake Jacobs reported the IRS application for 501C status is being processed. He gave a short update on the Cincinnati Conclave 2016 status.

Skip Jackson was next for activities. He mentioned the 4/18 "Think Spring Classic Driving Tour 2015," the 4/25 Chatfield College show with crafts, the back road OVAHC caravan Thursday, May 14 to Springthing. The Smoky Mountain AHC is hosting the Southeast Classic and have a fun time planned. For developments, see the Newsleak and its calendar. Kurt Niemeyer then took the floor and invited us to attend the tour he is hosting this Saturday. He gave us all the interesting details.

Old business: Tim has OVAHC car badges for sale, only \$20 each.

New business: Dale showed off the "Cabbage Lips O'Grady" first place award that he and Richard Pratt won at the March 21 Leprechaun Run. Skip announced that there will be a Waco airplane fly-in in Piqua, Ohio in the fall, possibly connected to September Roundup weekend. Next meeting is at the Grabows home in southern Covington, KY on Saturday, May 9 at 1:00 PM to kick tires and 2:00 for the meeting. Scott then thanked our hostess Eileen and adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by OVAHC secretary,
Dale Ballinger at your service!

GYMKHANA 2015

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: The main gate opens before 9:00 AM. Registration is the first 20 cars with up to 25 drivers. The maximum is usually reached BEFORE 10:00 AM. Runs start as soon as possible. Clean up and awards about 3:30. The more help picking up cones and cleaning the earlier we leave.

Cost: \$25.00 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 resi-dential section and ask that the exhaust system be street legal for noise. **Regardless; we reserve the right to determine if it toooo loud.** We want to come back next year.

We would like to see more vintage iron in 2015.... Remember - you are competing against yourself, not others - come out and have some fun with your car!

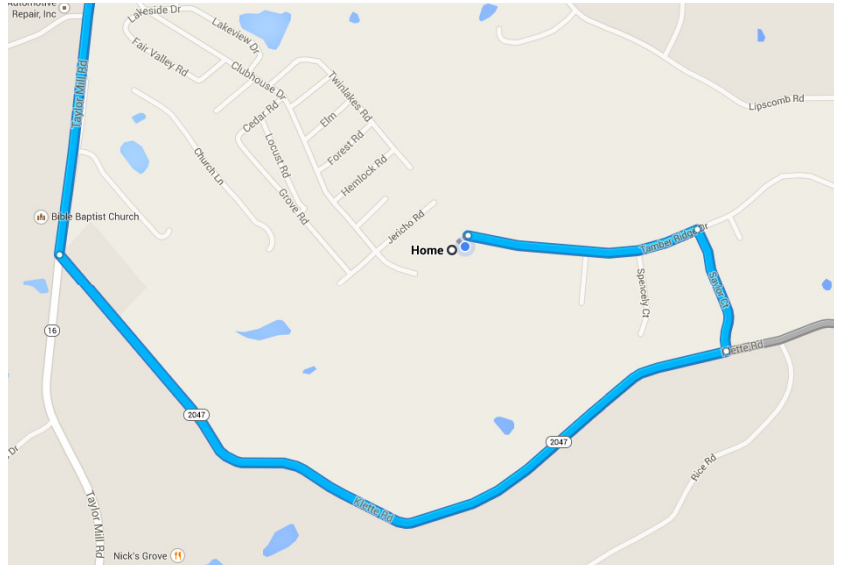
Questions call the Committee: Jake Jacobs (beancounter) 513-858-3071; Don Klein (Track Master) 513-895-2624; Skip Jackson (Equipment Master) -513-720-7547 or E-mail me if you want to be on our update list.

jake.jacobs@fuse.net or check our web site: www.OhioValleyAHC.com

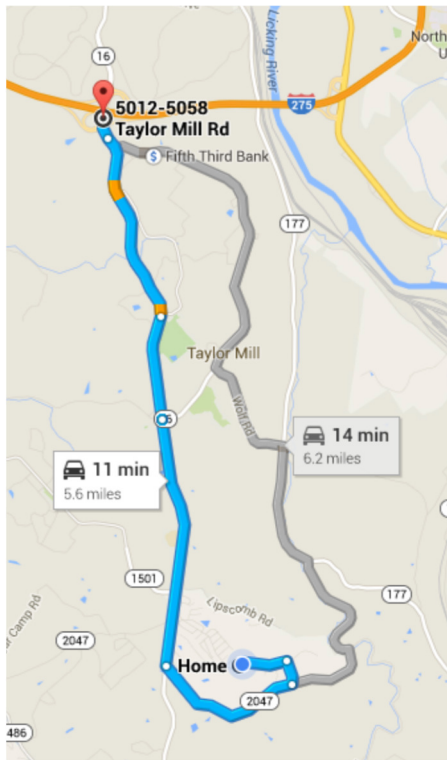
CALENDAR

May 9.....May meeting at Grabows (Saturday)
May 14-17....Springthing (registration in Newsleak)
May 16.....British Car Day XXXI, Columbus, Ohio
May 17.....Coney Island car show
May 24.....British Car Museum, Dayton Ohio car show
May 24.....Gymkhana (Sunday)
May 30.....Poker Run. (see Newsleak p8)
May 30 British Car Week USA
May 30.....Ft. Mitchell, KY, Montgomery Inn Ribs car show shop and eat
June 6.....British Car Show, Louisville
June 14.....Concours d'Elegance, Ault Park (breakfast at First Watch Rookwood Commons)
June 20.....British Bash, Louisville
June 27.....London to Brighton Run, Indy British Car
June 28.....Gymkhana (Sunday)
July 5.....Rising Sun, Indiana car show
July 11.....Ice Cream Social & drive (Nat'l car collector day)
July 12.....Gymkhana (Sunday)
July 12.....British Car Show, Cincinnati
July 17.....Enclave—Overnight @ Clarksville WV
July 18Enclave—Gettysburg, PA
July 25.....Enclave—Overnight @ Clarksville WV
July 19....Covington Mainstrasse Car Show (if you aren't going to Enclave)
July 25..... Delhi, OH—Shiloh UMC Car Show—CCSM
July 26..... Rollin on the River Car Show, Fernbank Park
August 1..... Aston Oaks Golf Club—Kreuter Memorial
August 1.....Dayton, OH Car Show
August 8.....Zionsville IN, Car Show, shopping, eating & drinks
August 29..... Coney Island, Park Rides & swim—Car Show
September 5.....Gymkhana (Saturday)
September 17 Piqua Ohio, September Roundup OVAHC
Sept 24.....Sevierville, TN— SE Classic XXIV
October 1.....Ashtabula OH—Fall Windup
October 11.....Spring Grove Cemetery—Car show & Tour
November 1.....Pancake Breakfast—Kreuter Memorial, Shiloh UMC

APRIL MEETING



Got much easier to get to our house! We have a new road (or 1/2 a new road). As pictured to the left. Get off I-275 at Taylor Mill Exit and go south on Pride Parkway...follow the road to 2047 East, turn left (Klette Road). Turn right on Saylor Court and Left on Tamber Ridge...end of the cul-de-sac!



Rt. 2047 East,
Klette Road

Still driving past Klette Road...here's a hint. The new road, Pride Parkway, is under construction and there are orange barrels and 2 lane highway. The road opens up to a nice new road with 4 lanes and no barrels. It then goes back to a 2 lane...start looking...Klette is on your left.

5/9- Kick tires 1:00...meeting 2:00

TECH SESSIONS



Another meeting of the minds on Ben Grabow's car...Tiny tech session in Richard's garage (Transmission work).

Tech session to remove the engine, etc. from Dick Sipple's Bugeye. We had Ben, Bernie, Richard and John Parrott attending. Thanks to John for bringing his big engine hoist.



Cindy Loos and a group of the Healy enthusiasts are putting together an article about our illustrious Tech Team for the national newsletter. Keep watch. Remember, if you need a tech session, contact Tim Ross to schedule the team!



SpringThing

TENNESSEE STYLE

Hosted by the Bluegrass Austin Healey Club

May 14 - 17
Goodlettsville, TN

Twenty miles north of Nashville on I-65
bluegrassclub.com

The Bluegrass Austin-Healey Club is proud to partner with our Volunteer members to the south to present the 2015 **SpringThing**. The fun, laid back and hospitality-filled **SpringThing** you've come to expect is taking a Tennessee-style vacation and we invite you to join in on the festivities.

Each year we strive to find the very best VIP experiences for our guests and 2015 won't disappoint. We've lined up special behind-the-scenes access to the **Lane Motor Museum** in Nashville, complete with a tour of the basement. But this isn't your grandmothers dusty old basement. This one is filled with hundreds of cars, many of which you've probably never seen or heard of. If tours are your fancy, enjoy the beautiful roads and experience the countryside with your Healey friends all on your schedule.

Our famous hospitality suite will be specially catered this year with deli-style selections to keep your stomach full, and of course our bottomless kegs and wine boxes will be on hand to keep you watered, as usual.

Come enjoy new territory for **SpringThing** as we celebrate the family reunion that is **SpringThing**. The **Bluegrass Club** look forward to seeing you in May!



Nashville, TN

Cars with two heads, two engines or three wheels. Cars that fold in half and even run by propeller. A 100 ton amphibious vehicle? This is not your typical

car museum!

Lane Motor Museum features 150 unique cars and motorcycles and is home to the largest European collection in the U.S. The vehicles date from the 1920s all the way up to modern day and feature a varied collection of microcars, amphibious vehicles, military vehicles, alternative fuel vehicles, prototypes, one-of-a-kind vehicles and motorcycles.

The Bluegrass Club has arranged for a tour that includes the private warehouses featuring over 300 cars not seen by the public.



Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Car Model _____ Club Affiliation _____

Registration Fee

- Includes a professionally catered Hospitality Room \$85

Lane Motor Museum Tour

- Includes a Private Basement Tour and Pizza Lunch _____ @ \$15 each _____

Saturday Banquet

- Choose _____ Chicken Breast or _____ Grilled Talapia _____ @ \$20 each _____

Total _____

Mail Registration to: Susan Ralph 4417 Long Hollow Pike Goodlettsville, TN 37072
615-337-0369 sralph1@me.com



**Rooms are
only \$82!**

La Quinta Inn & Suites

120 South Cartwright Court, Goodlettsville, TN 37072
1-615-851-1891

Use code "Spring Thing" To receive rate

CAUGHT IN THE ACT



Ben...do you always honk at traffic with that finger??

Our little group getting ready for the first really NICE backroads trip of 2015. Weather was 80's, scenery was in bloom...animals were all out of the barns. Beautiful day!



MEETINGS

May—Grabow's
June—Wolfer's
July—Cox

August—Hall's
September—Loos
October—Parrots
November—Andorns
December—Ballinger's

ACTIVITIES



Announcing a **poker run** with some back roads driving to award the D.H. Cup once again like back in the "good olde days" with a revival of the friendly competition between the OVAHC and the BCCGC. This year we are inviting other sports car clubs from the Cincinnati area to participate.

Avenue / Route 52 on Saturday, May 30, 2015. It is now remolded and called Belterra Park Gaming & Entertainment Center and the exact address for your gps is 6301 Kellogg Rd Cincinnati, OH 45230. If you wish to gamble or tour the new building, I suggest you arrive about one hour earlier, like at noon. We will draw cards and depart at 1:30 for the hills of Kentucky where the fast horses are bred. Everyone can have the route in advance and cruise along down to Piner and end up in Florence.

Donald Healey trophy in Skips hand



Coming north on I-275 from Kentucky take exit # 72 and go east on RT 52 for 0.6 mile and Belterra is on the right. If you are coming south on 275 from Ohio then you may use Exit # 71, toward New Richmond for 0.7 mile on the ramp, then merge onto Kellogg Road for 0.1 mile, and take the ramp toward Kellogg Avenue West for 0.1 mile. Then turn right onto Kellogg Rd/US-52 West for 1.3 mile and Belterra is on the left. Each club will have its own deck, so ten hands are possible for each. Our award dinner is planned at the Tilted Kilt in Florence. With nothing wild and the hands recorded as they are drawn, all is fair. We will sign up the players as they arrive starting at 1:00 and if there are not ten drivers, the passengers will be offered the chance to play, based on the order of arrival. Best overall poker hand is the winner and that person gets bragging rights and also their photo taken with the trophy. Everyone whose gas is below half tank should stop for gas at Marathon at Five Mile Road and Kellogg Road just east of the race track to fill up for the drive before we depart. Please remember to take the time beforehand so we do not have to stop later. The drive will be about 60 miles and take about ninety minutes. We may stop in Independence for a pit stop just past the half way point, and possibly to draw another card.

This is more than just an ordinary drive though. The Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club and the British Car Club of Greater Cincinnati are invited to compete in another D.H. Challenge and help win the "CUP" for your club. You can use any type of vehicle, but in the spirit of Donald Healey, please make every attempt to show up in your sports cars. It will be a follow the leader type drive with a fun and relaxed atmosphere in mind. Maybe a little background information on the D.H. Challenge is in order.

The Donald Healey Challenge began in 1998 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Don Healey in Perranporth, England. The Austin Healey Club of America sponsored a campaign to recognize him by asking all clubs to attempt to raise awareness of the man and his cars. The Ohio Valley AHC won honorable mention, partly due to this contest between our two local clubs. We started with a fill in the blank road rallye in 1998. We followed it with an autocross event in 1999, and then a participation drive in 2000, and then a poker run in 2001. We went back to a rallye in 2002, an autocross event in 2003, and a participation tour in 2004. No gambling is involved, just a simple effort to lend support to your club by merely driving your car. The OVAHC won it every year except for 2001, 2004, and 2005. Mark you calendar for Saturday, May 30 and please join us for a fun trip. Any questions can be directed to Skip Jackson at (513) 720-7547. This will be rain or shine event so please make plans to attend.

ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

QUILTS & CARS SHOW SATURDAY 25th APRIL

The group will meet at the Milford Cracker Barrel, 475 River's Edge Dr.
River's Edge Dr is off the Milford Expressway.
Take Exit 59 off I-275.

Chatfield College is 41 miles from the restaurant.
We will leave at 9:15 AM.
If you want to eat arrive by 8:30 AM

Spring Thing OVAHC Caravan

Unless you are going all interstate or leaving late Thursday or early on Friday:

Meet here Thursday, May 14 at 9:15 Am for 9:30 departure to Springthing.

Drop by earlier for coffee? This should be after rush hour traffic is almost over.

Dale & Sandy Ballinger

10179 Russwill Lane

Union, KY 41091-9572

859-384-1345

Exit 178 from 75 for Union, Ky

Right on Rt # 536 for 1.7 miles

Left on Russwill Lane

Last house on the right



Lunch somewhere around Lawrenceburg, KY?

We can discuss this at the Grabow May meeting.

Four and one half hours driving and at least one additional hour breaks / lunch time.

Route is some back roads with 50% freeway



Join us June 20 th for the 31st Annual British Bash sponsored by the Louisville British Sports Car Club. This year's British Bash will be at an exciting new location at the Waterfront Park. British Bash is one of the region's largest all British Car Shows featuring over 200 of the area's finest and most interesting cars. All British marques and models are welcome regardless of condition.

There will be plenty of people, music, food, prizes, and fun.

Mark your calendar.

Join us in June!!

britishbash.com

ACTIVITIES REPORT



"Think Spring Classic Driving Tour 2015," took place on Saturday, April 18. This was a back roads tour of the east side of town with several stops along the way. The weather couldn't have been better with a sun shinny 80 degree day! A large group showed up in Milford, Ohio to begin the trip. There were several routes planned and

many different cars involved in the tour. They sent "expressway ready" cars on a less "backroads" trip...of course the Healeys got the backroads tour. Our first stop was Keims Amish store on 32. There was quite a crowd at this stop and we ended up in an overload parking spot. The baked goods and sandwiches at this stop were "to die for".

On to our second stop which was a quaint B&B on the East Side of town with a lake, some rocking chairs, an antique shop and a beautiful setting.



Our next stop was a goat farm...one of 6 in Ohio. They sold goat cheese and goat milk. Some of the members stopped for the tour and some went on. The last stop was a winery on Rt. 50 along the river. Had we done the full tour (skipped the goats) we would have ended the tour at the winery. However,

our members got impatient for the "beer stop" and we went on to Maysville, KY for a nice relaxing day at the pub. We took up most of the space and enjoyed the company of our little group...about 16 members. Drinks and snacks ended and we split up for a nice backroads trip home. This was "the perfect day"...Covered bridges, great backroads, cows, sheep, roadkill (lol) and beer.

Sorry you missed it, but there is always next year!



Attending: Dale & Sandy Ballinger, Bernie & Mary Ann Grabow, Gayle & Cindy Loos, Richard Pratt, Bob & Pat Duffy, Jake & Joyce Jacobs, Don & Delores Butler, Tim & Bobbi Ross, and Tom Draper from the GCMC in his yellow Miata (possibly a future OVAHC member)

