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# NEWSLEAK

## May Minutes

June 2015

The meeting started just after 2 PM at the Grabow's home in southern Covington, KY on Saturday, May 9. We had almost 30 members attending. Scott thanked our hosts and Bernie mentioned that he had family help from son Ben, and daughters Megan, and Emily because Mary Ann just received a new hip. New member Mick Dutton and his son Johnathon from England attended. Mick drove a very sharp Bugeye, and Jonathon drove a classic right hand drive Mini. Scott asked for approval of the previous published minutes and they were approved. Scott informed us that Charlene Cox's younger brother just passed away two days ago. Also he noted that on May 4 we lost Walt Blank. Walt was the first president of the AHCA and started Conclave. Hazel will send cards for us. Vice President John Jacobs and Secretary Dale Ballinger had no report. Cindy Loos gave the membership report. We have 52 renewed and 5 who have dropped off. Cindy mentioned Mick and Linda Dutton were new, and James & Sherry Weckenbrock had renewed for 2015. Tech director Tim Ross was not there, so he asked Scott to report. On April 27 Richard Pratt hosted a tech session for the replacement of Steve Hudson's shocks and the hubs and bearings. On May 1 a small team helped reinstall Scott's engine to include belts and wires. He and Eileen rode in it to this meeting! Call Tim if you want to schedule a team effort. Historian Judy Chamberlain reported she is compiling the OVAHC history by year, from the beginning. Delegate Don Klein reported the web site is fine and also mentioned the passing of Walt Blank. He will try to post the obituary. Business manager Jake Jacobs reported the IRS application for 501C status is approved.

Skip Jackson was next for activities. He revealed that he won a trophy for top 10 cars at Chatfield College in April. Dale won best import, and Gayle Loos won Best in Show. There were about 40 cars on that rainy day. The Donald Healey challenge is Saturday, May 30. It is a poker run / tour from River downs to Turfway. There is an OVAHC drivers' training scheduled for May 24 at Live Oaks near Milford. A group went to Peebles to see the GE jet engine tour with a test firing of one engine. The mostly back road caravan for 2015 Springthing is Thursday, May 14. Concours D'Elegance will be Sunday, June 14 and we will meet at First Watch in Rookwood Commons. We get a great parking spot in our OVAHC corral and discount tickets. Tom Hall's grandson is a junior judge this year. If going to Enclave in Gettysburg, you should be ready to make reservations at Clarksville, WV for overnight accommodations for both ends of the trip. For further details, see the Newsleak and/or its calendar.

Scott called for the standing Conclave committee report. Jake gave a medium length update on the Cincinnati Conclave 2016 status. He wants everyone to see if they like the web page he and John & Janet Parrott have made. It needs to be finished before the July Enclave. They would like folks to view it and express their opinions. Jake proposed Cindy set up a separate account with \$1000 seed money for Cincinnati Conclave 2016. Seconded by John Wallace and approved by a vote. Jake is making shirts for the promotion of the event, and has cozies on order for the same purpose. John Parrott has finished a "save the date" flyer for us to distribute. It will be at Springthing. Jake is negotiating with the Jensen - Healey Preservation Society to hold their East-coast meet in conjunction with our show. We have a Saturday, June 6th Conclave meeting at the airport Marriott scheduled for 9:00 AM. Anyone may attend.

Newsleak editor Mary Ann Grabow thanked everyone for their well wishes.

Old business: Dale asked that we credit Kurt Niemeyer and thank him for organizing and hosting the 4/18 Think Spring Classic Driving Tour. We had a good time and Kurt has joined our club.

New business: Bernie Grabow requested all British car drivers stand next to their cars in the back yard for a group photo. Next meeting is at the Wolfers home near Alexandria, KY on Saturday, June 13 at noon to kick tires and 1:00 for the meeting. Scott then thanked our hosts again and adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by OVAHC secretary,  
Dale Ballinger at your service!



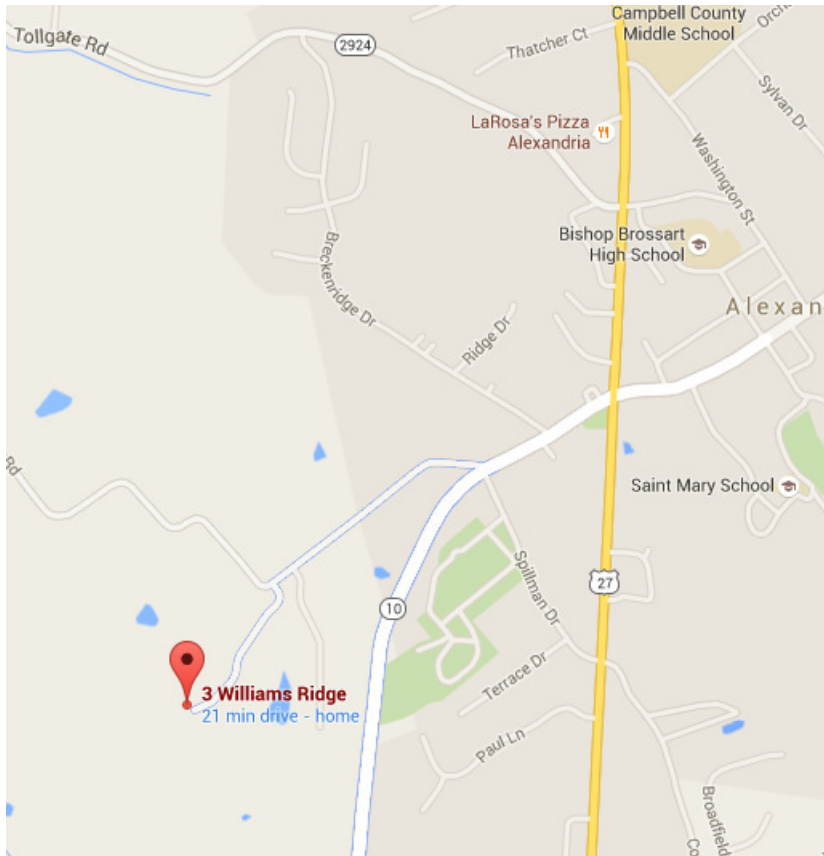
The guys—can't resist an open engine bay and an open beer. Girls are in the house enjoying the A/C & gossip

If you are thinking of joining a meeting, come early to kick tires...the most fun!...and bring your spouse.





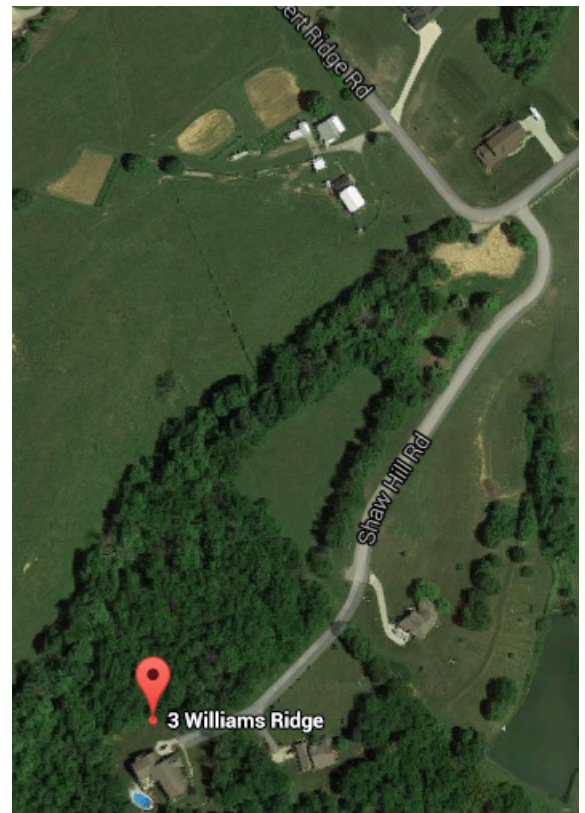
# April Meeting



Saturday, June 13  
Wolfer's  
Kick tires at  
**noon..meeting at  
1:00**

3 Williams Ridge, Alexandria  
859-635-0709

South on Rt. 27 (Alexandria Pike) to Rt. 10  
Right on Rt. 10 to Gilbert Ridge Road  
Left on Shaw Hill Road



Is this group  
getting old,  
or what...  
Handicapped  
stickers in an  
AH. Com-  
mon—new  
members,  
join the  
meetings!  
Keep the  
marque alive  
for future  
lovers!



# 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 residential 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](mailto:jake.jacobs@fuse.net) or check our web site: [www.OhioValleyAHC.com](http://www.OhioValleyAHC.com)



# Tech Sessions

## Tech Session at Richards garage to replace the shocks and install new hubs and bearings on Steve Hudson's BJ8.

Attending along with Steve and Richard were Gayle Loos, Bob Merton, and Tim Ross. Each of us took a corner and proceeded to disassemble the suspension to remove the old lever shocks. Bob and Gayle in the back had to break out the high speed cutoff wheel for some frozen bolts on links. Tim, Steve and Richard had to use extreme patience to remove the axle

nut cotter pin buried inside the front hubs - obviously a design joke from DMH. Reassembly went better except for a trip for new fasteners (Please always purchase and use all new fasteners and lockwashers on our future OVAHC tech sessions), and the fact that Steve will need to purchase the rear links that had to be sacrificed to make sparks for Bob and Gayle.



## Tech session at Scott Browns

On May 1st, Richard Pratt, Skip Jackson, Jerry Cox, and Chuck Law arrived at my garage eager for a new round of skinned knuckles and pinched fingers. Under Richard's guidance, the engine went from the engine stand to the hoist and slowly disappeared into the black hole waiting for it (it really was a black hole since I had cleaned the engine bay and found it was a white car originally underneath all the gook but someone had painted it black. After cleaning it looked more like a Dalmatian with black and white spots - so I painted it all black again). Got several comments on how hard it is to see things when it's surrounded by black.

After the engine was in and secured, everyone still kept going and pretty soon rocker assembly, carbs, generator, starter, and radiator went in. Richard adjusted the valve clearances, oil went in the engine, and we tried to start it - many times - without success. At this point, it was getting late and everyone had to go but I was really happy that even though engine didn't run, everything

was assembled again.



After many phone calls asking for solutions, I found I had installed the distributor drive gear 1 tooth off - which when I changed it back 1 tooth, the engine started up immediately. So, if not for my assembly error, the tech team would have installed an engine, reassembled all the rest of the components, and got it running in under 7 hours.

Many thanks to everyone for the help!  
Scott

# Calendar

May 24.....British Car Museum, Dayton Ohio car show  
May 24.....Gymkhana (Sunday) (see p4)  
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 13.....**Saturday**—monthly meeting at Wolfer's  
June 14.....Concours d'Elegance, Ault Park (Meet up details, pg. 8)  
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 18 .....Enclave—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 (info in this Newsleak)  
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



# Caught in the Act

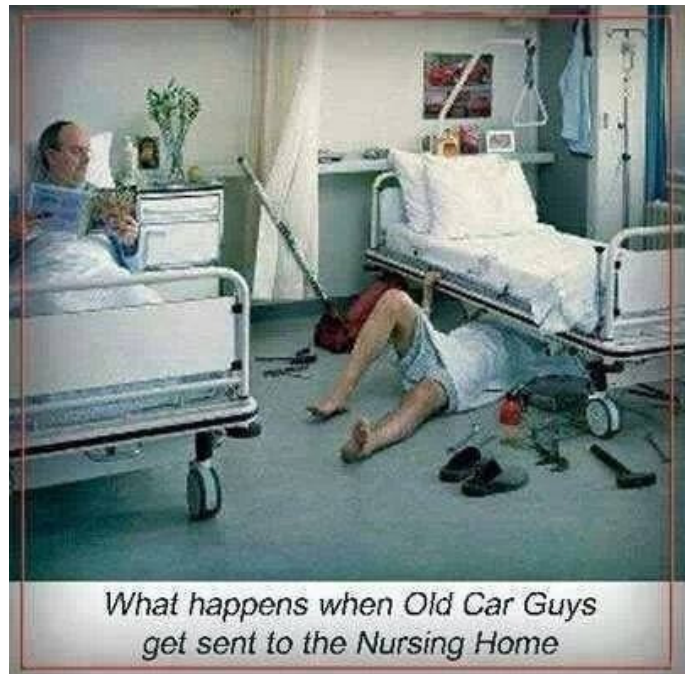


## 13 1/2" Crappie

Dale Ballinger on recent fishing trip to Ohio with friends...no didn't take the Jensen, but will you look at that fish. ..really Crappie isn't it...



Chip and Dale...I mean Skip and Dale....at Lane Car Museum, Nashville, Tennessee.



# Meetings

June—Wolfer's  
July—Cox

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

# Activities

May 30



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.

We shall begin signups at 1:00 PM in the parking lot of the new River Down casino on Kellogg 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.

**Concours D'Elegance:** We are planning on meeting at the First Watch in Rookwood Commons on Madison Road near Edwards Road at 8:30 AM that Sunday morning.

We will eat breakfast and at 9:15 caravan to Ault Park. We will be parking together close to the main entrance in the OVAHC corral (doesn't have to be all Healeys) when we arrive together as a club.

I-71 SOUTHBOUND Take I-71 south the Smith/Edwards Road exit (Exit #6). At the first light, go right on Williams Ave. Get in the left lane turn left at the light this is Smith Road. (There is a Shell gas station.) Once you turn get in the right lane. (You will go back over 71.) At the second light go right into Rookwood Commons. First Watch is located at the far end of the complex on the inside of the whole place.

I-71 NORTHBOUND Take I-71 north to the Smith/Edwards Road exit. (Exit #6.) At the stop sign make a right. Stay in the right lane at the first light (this has a continuous right turn arrow), and turn right into Rookwood Commons. First Watch is located at the far end of the complex on the inside of the whole place.

Address is 2692 Madison Road Cincinnati, OH 45208 and phone is (513) 531-7430 if you need more info.



# Activities



The 31st anniversary of the Midwest's best British car & motorcycle show!



Saturday, August 1, 2015 9am - 4pm  
Eastwood MetroPark,  
1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, Oh.  
[Register Online](#)

Popular vote car show, vendors & swap meet, full service concession stand, dash plaques to first 325 entrants, spectators admitted free, children's activities

Registration: \$15 in advance includes free BCD t-shirt if received before 7/25/2015; \$15 day of show, Vendors; \$20 or door prize of equal value. Registration open 9 am until Noon. Show runs rain or shine!

Special Awards: Longest Drive, Ranger's Choice & Best of Show, Presented by the British Transportation Museum

The Miami Valley Austin Healey Club is sponsoring the September Round-up this year. This year's event will be held on September 18, 19, & 20, 2015. We scheduled this year's event between Memorial Day and the Southeastern Classic.

We had such a great time in 2011, we decided to do it again and invite everyone back for another fun filled weekend. We're even going back to Piqua and staying at the Comfort Inn & Suites. For those who may not have attended the last round-up in 2011, the Country Inn and Suites is attached to the Piqua Mall, so there are plenty of places to eat and shop without driving.

Just an FYI...Piqua is also hosting a Bike Fest (motor cycles) on September 18th & 19th. So we will be sharing our roads with those wonderful two wheelers. They have a full schedule of events planned out, like we do, but we will schedule some free time to check them out as well.

If you're planning on staying at the Comfort Inn & Suites, I suggest you reserve your room early. The deadline for Hotel Reservations is August 21, 2015. Any rooms that are not reserved will be filled on the 22nd by the two wheelers.

We're looking forward to seeing you again this year & by all means bring your Healey. More info in future Newsleak...keep an eye out!

# Activities report



## CHATFIELD COLLEGE QUILT, CRAFT & CAR SHOW

Under cloudy skies and forecast of rain, the OVAHC group met at the Milford Cracker Barrel restaurant for breakfast prior to their Chatfield College destination. Although Tim and Bobbi Ross were not able to join us at Chatfield, they told us about must-have memorable barbecue they savored last year. As darkening clouds gathered, Dale and Sandy Ballinger, Skip and Joan Jackson and Gayle and Cindy Loos headed to the annual Chatfield College Show.

We arrived, still dry after enjoying scenic rural back roads. Unfortunately, our day quickly became soggy (off/on showers) and chilly-in-the-40s. We all pressed on to enjoy quite a selection of plants, pottery, and pickles for purchase. Additionally, quilts, jewelry, books, and most arts and artists, thankfully, were indoors. We marveled at the rows of intricately designed quilts and wall hangings created by talented local and regional quilters. Free carriage rides were offered around this attractive 19<sup>th</sup> century campus (ask Dale and Gayle). There was something for everyone to amuse and enjoy. Sadly, no Tim and Bobbi-recommended Pit-to-Plate BBQ. Likely the weather dampened their plans and certainly reduced attendance, cars, and outdoor activities. Undaunted by Brit-like wetness, additional Club members attending were Jerry and Charleen Cox and Scott and Eileen Brown.

Car Show officials presented awards earlier due to the drizzle slowly escalating to steady rain. We had a three-award sweep for the three Healeys entered in the Car Show. Skip Jackson won the Top Ten Cars for his red/biscuit Sprite, Dale Ballinger won Best Import for his red-orange Jensen and Gayle Loos won Best of Show for his Healey blue BJ8.

Everyone was very ready to leave in search of a dry, warm place for lunch and talk. Jerry Cox led us in a heavy downpour to Butterbee's Grille in Mt. Orab. Despite the weather, we had a good time, as always, shared with our group. We all agreed this event is worth attending next year.