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# Newsleak



## May minutes

June 2016

## NO JUNE MEETING—CONCLAVE

**NOTE: The OVAHC Conclave committee and volunteers are meeting at the Marriott Hotel this Saturday, May 28 at 10:00 AM.** We will load goodie bags and also move most of the items which came to the Jacobs house, into a storage room. Take I-75 / 71 into KY and continue south for almost 6 miles. Take exit # 185 toward the airport on I-275 West, stay right, and go 4.2 miles. Take exit # 4A for Route 212 East and bear right onto 212. Turn left onto KY-20 Petersburg Road at the light. Turn right onto Progress Drive and go 50 feet to Cincinnati Airport Marriott parking lot.

Jake will also have \$25 Concours tickets to sell for \$15 at the Marriott on Saturday 5/28, and Sunday 5/29 at the OVAHC gymkhana.

The meeting started at about 10:30 AM on Saturday, May 14 at the home of Joyce and Jake Jacobs in Fairfield. We had over 40 members attending. President John Jacobs asked if new members were here. OVAHC members, Nancy and John Cusick stood up and were re-introduced since they were founding era members and just rejoined. James Lake, and Bob and Kathy Minton were also attending as 2016 members. Guest Tom Triplett, who did the Conclave poster artwork, and owner of a 66 V W Beetle, was present and helped sort the door prizes.

John didn't follow a full meeting agenda since we were there mainly to get ready for Conclave. Jake Jacobs has a deal for our club to purchase \$25 Concours tickets for only \$15 in advance of the Sunday, June 11 Ault Park show. Activities Activator Skip Jackson passed a sheet around for the sign-ups. Call Skip at 513-720-7547 if you wish to be added to the list ASAP. Skip told about the Springthigh caravans. He mentioned the next OVAHC gymkhana is Sunday, May 29.

Tech director Tim Ross mentioned the work on Dick Sippel's Sprite, Bob Minton's BJ8, Lauren Davidson's Sprite, and Ben's newly painted BT7 will need assembly. Bob Habel needs work on his brake booster. Call Tim if you want to schedule a teamwork group. Tim has OVAHC car badges for \$20 now, \$25 at Conclave. John thanked our hosts, Joyce and Jake Jacobs, his Mom and Dad..... Applause.....A long, long but productive Conclave show prep session followed. Next meeting is in July at the Cox home in Batavia.

Submitted by OVAHC secretary, Dale Ballinger at your service!

# Tech sessions in April/May

Tech session 4/25... We had a good turnout of helpers that included the experienced hands of Gayle, Bernie (both hands now working) and Richard. They were assisted by Scott Brown (with his garage, lift, tools, bathroom, parts, fasteners, charming wife, etc.), Jerry Cox who needed a bit of help with his ignition, and Tim Ross. Bobbi Ross helped with the breakfast donuts snack and Subway sandwiches for lunch (with beer and water). The motor mount change out on Tim's BJ7 took all our efforts, but we got both changed with no injuries. Some of the bolts are extremely "fiddly", but having the lift to get to some of the bolts from above or below really was needed. No removal of the carbs was required. The only casualty was the lower radiator hose that got stretched and had the heater branch torn slightly. Scott Brown thankfully had a new spare handy – Thanks. Also a big Thank You to all the other helpers – a great team, nice weather, with the garage doors open, and cold beer. I believe Jerry got his problems solved also. Regards - Tim

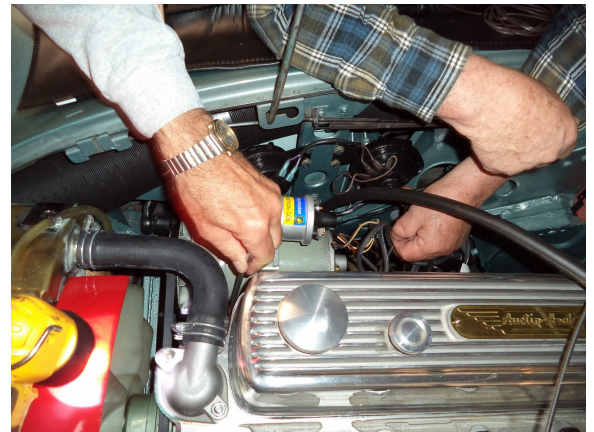


Tues. 5/3 we worked on Bob Minton's 1965 BJ-8 (hope that is right). it is a nice car just needed some corrections. We figured out the Generator needed some clean up to make it work. The Regulator was good.



We think the turn signals just needed a little more use probably the contacts in the box that works the signals is in need of cleaning, Bob has a replacement if it become an ongoing problem. The tube that runs through the steering box needed to be corrected, now the grease should stay in the box.

We may have fixed something else but I don't remember. Bob did say we fixed more things than he know was wrong with his car. I think that was a good thing





Tech session 5/18 was at the Mt. Lookout garage of Bob Habel and his rec BJ8. The OVAHC tech team of Bernie Grabow, Richard Pratt and Tim Ross met with Bob for a few hours. Reviewed Bob's efforts on the installation of a new brake booster, and the problems that were thought to have originated with his switch from Silicone brake fluid to DOT 4, ie leaks. All of the slave cylinders looked good and dry, but the master cylinder is leaking – Bob will rebuild it. We looked over the rest of his Healey and tightened and adjusted a few other items; door latch, overdrive cutout switch, steering idler arm. We enjoyed seeing the dash plaque from the last OVAHC conclave and his trophy from the British Car Day when OVAHC was the organizing group. He also showed us his '60 Healey 3000 in the basement (Was running when parked 30 years ago). A barn find for some naïve young “restorer”.



## Activities report

### Chatfield college car & quilt show



This year's show got support from Skip Jackson's Bugeye and Scott and Eileen Brown's BT7. The day started out dry from breakfast at Cracker Barrel in Milford and just started to rain lightly as we pulled in to the college. Unlike last year, the rain was off an on light rain which was easy to deal with. Jerry and Charlene Cox arrived a little later with a truck to be able to buy lots of plants and flowers from the craft vendors - we also bought our fair share of crafts. The quilt show was beautiful as always and free books were available at the library.

Both of the cars were awarded trophies at 2pm - Skip got a top 25 award and Eileen and I got a Best in Show for the Foreign class. The most unusual car entered was a 32 Ford Rat Rod which had wooden chairs for seats, hatch-back roof, and the loudest straight pipes I have ever heard.

Great time even in the rain!

Scott



# Drivers training/gymkhana 2016

Mark your calendar – Warm weather is here!

## **Ohio Valley Austin – Healey Club**

May 29 (Sunday)

June 25 (Saturday) Ladies Day

July 23 (Saturday)

September 3 (Saturday)

- Rain or Shine

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 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 2016.... 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.

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## Drivers training/gymkhana report 2016

Mr. Whoa: We were happy to once again have the grounds of the Live Oaks Vocational School near Milford for our Club's use. Too bad the small lot was filled with fire safety training participants leaving only one lot for our use.

Ms. Go: Any pending weather threats were cancelled by sapphire blue skies for the 2016 season opener. The forecast for Sunday, May 1 was possible showers...thank goodness the weatherperson was wrong as usual. Despite marshland conditions in our usual set-up area, the undaunted OVAHC team adapted and prevailed to present yet another exciting event for participants.

Mr. Whoa: Our design master extraordinaire, Don Klein, configured a circuitous course that seemed to thrill and challenge the 7 drivers. Credit to all the drivers for their keen focus reading and navigating the cones for a perfect no DNFs day! Most drivers trimmed their times after each successive run.

Ms. Go: Wyatt Thesing's silver Porsche was a mere tenth of a second behind Mike's with a 40.8 performance. Speaking of Wyatt, he was definitely the most improved driver shaving 3.7 seconds from his first effort to his best run. Mike Szaz delivered the most consistent runs of the day as well as maneuvering his distinctive copper red Miata to the fastest time of the day with a 40.7 second elapsed time.

Mr. Whoa: The other cars were the red Miatas of Andy MacKay, Don Kelly, and Adam Higgason. Steve Jackson launched his first autocross venture in an MG Midget. Don Klein wheeled his BT7 tri-carb.

Ms. Go: Special thanks to OVAHC members working and testing our brand new wireless sensors and LED digital sign and software. Our team members assisting Don Klein included: Nancy Bacon, Jeff Porada, Skip Jackson, Bob and Pat Duffey, Dale Ballinger, Gayle and Cindy Loos, Jake Jacobs, and John Jacobs.

Mr. Whoa: Come join the fun! We'll be back for 4 more. Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 29. Same time, same place.





# Caught in the Act



OVAHC had about thirty members attend the Tour the Conclave Venues event on Saturday, May 7 at noon in Covington, Kentucky. Everyone was encouraged to attend so we would not be lost or surprised in June. We had an informal info session near the Cock and Bull Public House in Mainstrasse on Sixth Street.

We toured the area and then headed to the Marriott to check it out. Jake led us throughout the hotel and described the planned usage for the rooms. He answered all questions. We then drove to the airport area to visit the Gymkhana and Funkhanna site. Next was lunch at O'Charlies. Any final questions, call Jake Jacobs at 513-858-3071 or email [jake.jacobs@fuse.net](mailto:jake.jacobs@fuse.net).



On behalf of the British Car Club of Greater Cincinnati, I would like to invite you and your club members to our British Car Day show. I would appreciate your adding our event to your club's event calendar. As in prior years early registration (before July 1, 2016) is \$12 and registration after June 30, 2016 is \$15. The attached flyer contains the other details. Sorry, my printer/scanner is acting up and although it will print and copy in color, it will not scan in color. Hope to see you on the 10th,  
Greg Thomas

## Meetings 2016

July—Coxs  
August—Picnic @ Wolfers  
September—Loos  
October—Parrots-bonfire  
November—Sippels  
December—Grabows