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NEWSLEAK

AUGUST MINUTES

September 2016



Call to order shortly after 2:00 p.m. by President John Jacobs. Many members were attending. John thanked Chris and Donna Wolfer for hosting this meeting. (applause) We approved the July minutes with no corrections. John called for reports from the officers. President, secretary, historian, business manager, and delegate all had none. The Vice President was away. Treasurer Cindy Loos paid the bills

and deposited monies from the OVAHC gymkhana and the Mainstrasse car show. We had 137 registered cars. Ken Kreuter obtained two sponsors. Chris Wolfer did the artwork and made the magnetic dash plates. We had a net profit of \$456. (applause) Newsleak editor Mary Ann Grabow noted that the September Newsleak is not out until these minutes are in: due by tonight or tomorrow.

Tech director Tim Ross went over the recent sessions. On July 31, the Tech Team went to Bernie Grabow's garage to install parts on son - Ben's freshly painted chassis. The team went back in August to do more work on Ben's car. They also met Bernie at Richard's basement shop to mount and balance new tubeless tires, and clean and check the distributor. Soon the chassis will go back east in Ohio to the painter for body and fender final fittings. The team of Richard Pratt and Skip Jackson helped Bob Minton repair and adjust his SUV carbs. Jake reported that Lauren Davidson's Sprite, "Winston" found its way back home and departed his basement garage after a lengthy but fruitful stay. Call Tim Ross to request help via phone at 513-528-3232.

Activities activator, Skip Jackson reported on six upcoming events:

1. Saturday 9/3 is the final OVAHC gymkhana. We can use workers and cars to attend.
2. Sunday, 9/4 the OVAHC is officially requested to drive their Healeys to the farewell celebration for our recently departed OVAHC member, Steve Hudson. His widow, Cathy, asked that we participate at the Spring Grove Cemetery Rose Garden parking lot. Skip wants us to arrive at 12:30 in our Conclave logo or other collared shirts and dress pants. The ceremony starts at 1:00 PM and lasts 30 minutes. The "celebration of life" lasts until 4 with music, food, and drinks. (Exit I-75 at Mitchell Avenue and go west. Turn left on Spring Grove Avenue. Drive south a mile or so. Enter the main gate by turning right off Spring Grove Avenue and turn left immediately to the rose garden)
3. Thursday, 9/15 is the caravan to Richmond, Indiana for September Roundup. Meet at the Ameristop off exit 16 for Greendale at 11:45AM.
4. Friday 9/30 Skip is going to Floyd's Knob in Indiana. That is just above Louisville, Ky. He is re-enacting the role of Meriwether Lewis for the Bicentennial Celebration of the State of Indiana.
5. Sunday, 8/28 (tomorrow) those going will leave for Put - In - Bay for the road races week.
6. The Southeast Michigan AHC has not released their Fall Windup plans yet for October.

Nominations for officers for 2017: President will be Dick Sippel and no Vice President nominee was found for now. The rest of the incumbent officers verbally committed to hold their positions. John asked if there was anyone wishing to be an officer and Jerry Spurlock spoke up to run for delegate. (We will have an election, with a paper ballot for each member attending the September meeting, to vote for OVAHC delegate between Don Klein and Jerry Spurlock.)

Meetings for 2017: January at Joyce and Jake Jacobs in Fairfield, February at Jackson's in Westwood, March at Jeff Porada and Nancy Bacon's home, April at John and Ashley Jacobs, May Grabow home in south Covington, June to Cox home in Batavia, July at Brown home in Batavia, August Wolfer picnic in Alexandria, September Loos home in Fort Thomas, October Parrott bonfire near Bethel, November open - maybe none? The December Christmas party was not taken yet either.

Conclave Report: John Parrott advised us that he thinks Reid Trummel has all he needs for the Octo-

ber Healey Marque exclusively featuring our 2016 Healey Family Reunion - Conclave reports and photos.

Old business? Tim Ross had 8 OVAHC car badges for sale at \$20 each. Jake gave a Mainstrasse car show report. Our club was asked to hold the event and we pulled it off. With minimum time to prepare after Conclave, we received many positive remarks from participants and a profit. Cindy said we cleared \$456 for this year with little time after Conclave to prepare or promote. Scot Brown gave favorable review. He liked the unique cars and enjoyed the stories of why the owners did what they did to customize the amazing cars and trucks. And there was even a modified school bus in the show. Scott liked the restaurants and the great weather, too. The Covington, KY event committee folks were very cooperative and happy to work with us.

Much, much discussion on whether to host for 2017 followed. Finally Tim Ross was recognized by John and he made a motion to go ahead and allow Jake to chair it again. It was seconded. There was debate. The vote was held and the ayes won. The motion passed and we will have a bigger and better show for 2017.

In new business, Mary Ann Grabow announced the date for the 2016 OVAHC Christmas party. It will be Saturday, December 17.

The next meeting is at the Loos home in Fort Thomas on Monday, September 12. Tire kicking is at 7:00 pm and meeting at 8:00 pm. To and from directions will be in the Newsleak. John thanked the Wolfers for hosting this meeting (applause) and adjourned it.



Ladies... Pictured left to right....Nancy, Joyce, Barb, Hazel (had to crop in a picture—she tried to hide)...Eileen (couldn't find picture to crop in...lucky you), Pat, Janet and Sandy

JULY PICNIC AT YANNONE'S

A good time was had by all at the Deck Party held at Joe and Judy Yannone's beautiful home on Waynoka Lake on July 30th. It was a hot and humid day, but we survived with the breezes coming off the water behind their house. The only one who went swimming was sweet Max, the dog. Bernie and Dale came prepared with their fishing poles; all the victims were thrown back in the lake. Of course there was food galore and all was very delicious. Either Joe had a band hidden in the outbuilding or he has a terrific sound system. Thanks Joe and Judy for a great time,



DRIVERS TRAINING/GYMKHANA 2016

Ohio Valley Austin – Healey Club **Drivers Training / Gymkhana 2016**

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 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 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.

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

OVAHC Family Gymkhana Report

A note of thanks to our editor, Mary Ann Grabow, for publishing this past (5-29-2016) report. At the time, print space was dedicated to Conclave coverage. This report just may spark a few more to channel their inner Mario Andretti by attending the final 2016 Driver Training season, Saturday, September 3.

Ms. Go: On Sunday, May 29th, our second Driver's Training of the 2016 season commenced on an overcast, cool morning at Live Oaks Vocational School in Milford, OH. Coincidentally, the prestigious Indy 500 and final day Monte Carlo races were running this same Memorial Day weekend. Thankfully, unlike our May 1st opener, we had use of both north and south lots. And eventually, the cloudy grey skies were chased by warm sunny blue as if to highlight the gymkhana excitement.

Mr. Whoa: We were pleased to welcome a total of 14 drivers, ready to stretch their skills on Don Klein's always challenging course. Don devised a final tight 4-cone slalom finish that really pushed driver maneuvering mastery skills. Drivers entertained 28 spectators, in addition to OVAHC workers. By their final sixth run, almost everyone was course-educated to gain a faster finish time.

Ms. Go: Andy McKay rejoined us, sharing his 1994 red mid-white striped Miata with his son Donald. It was literally a driver's training course for Donald, who was there to learn how to shift a standard transmission. He proved a fast study on the cone-mazed course with more smooth shifts than grinders by the 2nd run. From 73.7 seconds to a final 6th run 65.2 seconds, Donald was just 2 seconds higher than his very proud dad's 63.2 final run.

Mr. Whoa: Another returnee, Adam Higgason, fully enjoyed the course accompanied by his equally excited mother. He ran his 1990 red Miata with steadily improved times from 67.8 to a final 64.2.

Ms. Go: More Miatas in the mix included the Savages', Ellery and C.J. in their white 1997 model, Michael and Kimberleigh Szaz in their copper-red 2006, and Don Kelly in his red 1993. C.J. Savage was a quick study, shaving seconds from each successive run for a final 70.9 and 3.3 seconds less than Ellery. Michael Szaz performed his usual, skillful navigation of his copper-red beauty around the course. A dinged cone in his final run denied him his fastest time finish. Kimberleigh commandeered the Miata confidently on each run netting 5.4 seconds less for a final 60.6. One of our regulars, Don Kelly, was pleased with his personal best per run and a 59.9 finish.

Mr. Whoa: Another returnee from Driver's Training 2015, Rick Hildal drove his mega-powered 2014 grey Cayman with pro-like, consistency for a final 2nd fastest time of the day 55.4. Chavez Kattick returned, pressing his 2013 red Hyundai Genesis to the course with a distinctly turboback exhaust, to trim his time to a competitive 5th run 56.1.

Wyatt Thesing adeptly read the course driving consistent runs in his 2005 silver MINI Cooper for a personal best 5th run 59.9.

Ms. Go: Dale Ballinger hustled his 1974 red Jensen Healey for a strong 58.8 finish. Dale's time was just one second behind the more agile 1960 blue Bugeye driven by Jeff Porada. After a surprising cone contact on his 5th run, Jeff completed a penalty-free final 57.8.

Don Klein maneuvered his blue/yellow Austin Healey BT7 Tricarb with competitive skill for 3 total runs and a respectable 58.4 finish. Tim Silver in his green 1963 Sprite "39", had a few cone-encountered runs, capturing one for a short ride that added extra unwelcome seconds. On his 5th run, he delivered a strong, 55.6 cone-free drive.

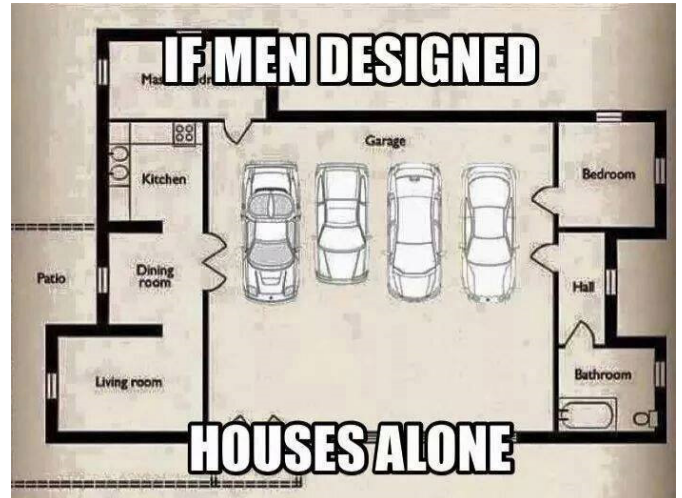
Mr. Whoa: No surprise the fastest time of the day was earned by Gene Allison. He coerced his 1963 blue/yellow MINI "18" through the course to a flawless final 52.7.

Whew! Lots of great driving skills and high-interest spectating!

Ms. Go: Many thanks to all OVAHC workers who made this activity happen: Don and Hazel Klein, Bob and Pat Duffey, Dale Ballinger, Gayle and Cindy Loos, Gene Allison, Jeff Porada and Nancy Bacon.

Mr. Whoa: **There's one more opportunity to join us for our final Driver's Training for 2016 on Saturday, September 3.** Mark your calendars! Same time, same place. Rain or shine. Entertaining, educating and fun!

CAUGHT IN THE ACT



On Friday, 8 July, Tim and Bobbi Ross of the OVAHC in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA delivered one of our car badges to Simon Carr (good name, in the photo) and John Bishop (took the photo) of the British Motor Museum. Here is a photo of the presentation. We were there as part of a Grand Prix Tour to the British Grand Prix at Silverstone. Simon is the Clubs & Rallies Co-coordinator and will be mounting the OVAHC badge along with numerous others from around the world in a future display. We can recommend anyone in our club to take time to visit the wonderful collection here. I'm partial to the enlarged Blue/White 3000 Mk II advertisement that is available for tourist photos. The gift shop and bookstore is also wonderful. They have on display all three of the Monte Carlo winning rally Mini Coopers, and the 1959 Morley brothers Healey 3000 rallye car, among many, many other historic British cars. Regards - Tim & Bobbi



MEETINGS 2016

September—Loos
October—Parrotts-bonfire
November—Sippels
December—Grabows

MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER



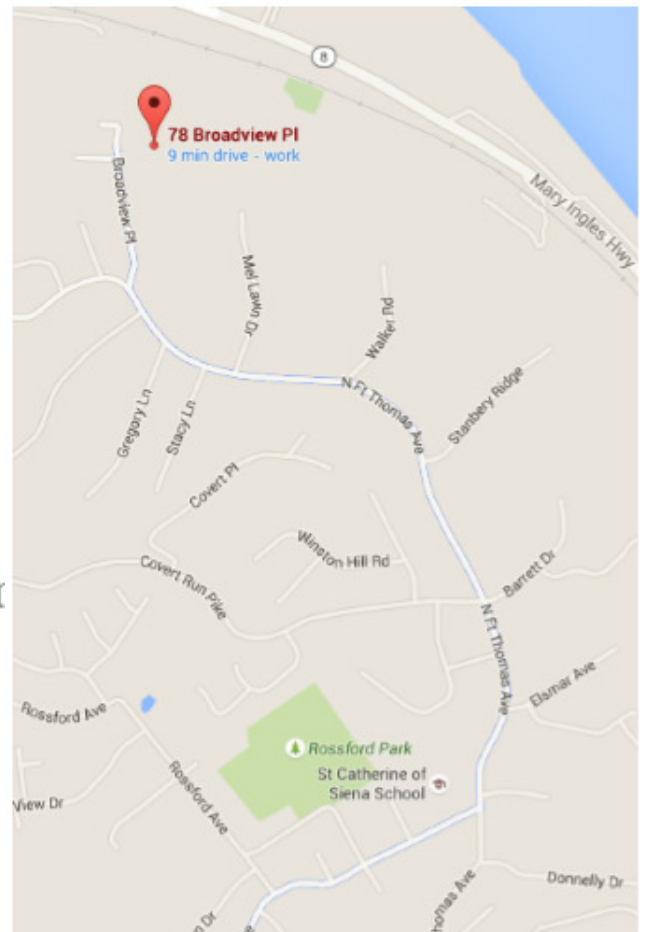
Loos' house
78 Broad-
view, Ft.
Thomas, KY

Monday, September 12

Directions to Cindy and Gayle's:
Take the Memorial Pkwy exit from
I471 toward Ft. Thomas
Newport, KY 41071
Head east on Memorial Pkwy 1.4 mi
Turn left onto Clover Ridge Ave 0.5
mi
Continue straight onto Rossford Ave
0.2 mi
Turn left onto N Ft Thomas Ave 1.0 mi
Turn right onto Broadview Pl 0.2 mi

859-441-4550

Kick tires at 7:00—
meeting starts at 8:00



TECH SESSION REPORT



Sunday, July 31—tech session work on Ben's Healey—lots of productive work accomplished, but many more sessions to go



On Sunday 7/31/16, 8 of the OVAHC tech team started the re-assembly of Ben Grabow's Healey. We tried to keep from scratching the nice Colorado Red paint on the chassis. Bob Merten and Gayle Loos tackled the rear end suspension and brakes, while Nate and Richard worked on the front suspension and brakes. Tim did misc. fabrication, and Ben

cleaned and tried to get the wiper motor working. Bernie was kept busy trying to remember where the new and cleaned parts were stashed, locating tools, and coordinating. Richard supervised the installation when difficulties were encountered, bent brake lines and hammered a few items for general principles. There is plenty more to work on next time, everyone is invited to the fun!! Regards - Tim





The OVAHC Tech Team met at Richard's house on Sunday August 14th for the latest tech session on Ben and Bernie's BT7 Restoration. On the menu for this meeting were mounting and balancing of brand new Vredestein 165 HR 15 tires to chrome wheels pre-prepped by Bernie to run tubeless, balancing of rear brake drums, repair of the starter and wiper motors, and disassembly and inspection of the dizzy and dynamo. Nate, Richard, Bernie and Ben tackled the tires and drums while Gayle took distributor duty, and after lunch the team made short work of the remaining items (resulting in a positive resolution to two leftovers from the last session - both starter and wiper motors returned to operating status). Many, many thanks to the Tech Team for your continued support!

Work continued on 8/23 at Bernie's garage.

CALENDAR

September 3...Live Oaks—Drivers Training

September 4.... Funeral @Spring Grove 1:00 please plan to attend

September 12.....meeting at Loos'

September 15...Richmond IN—September roundup—OVAHC

September 30—Oct 2—AH history tour of So. Indiana

October 9....Spring Grove Cemetery car show and tour of grounds

Skip Jackson is coordinating activities for 2016 and he is looking for ideas. Contact him if you want to plan a trip, or have a great activity in mind for the club!

Put the weekend 9/30 to 10/2 on your calendar for an A-H history tour of southern Indiana for the state's bi-centennial.

Captains Merwith Lewis and William Clark will guide you over Floyd's Knob and other seldom seen parts.

www.lewisandclarkindiana.com/events

ACTIVITIES REPORT



Dayton, Ohio British Car Day

On Saturday, August 6, 2016 a group of OVAHC members made their way to Eastwood Metro Park on Harshman Road in Fairborn, Ohio. We started at the Home Depot in West Chester with Dale Ballinger, Bob Merten, Richard Pratt, and Skip Jackson. Mark and Tammy Neumann dropped by to wish us luck. After an hour of back roads, we entered the park and met up with Peggy and Jerry Spurlock. Tim Akers and Jerry Cox came up to shop and look at over 250 beautiful automobiles.



This large British car show featured and celebrated 50 years of the Triumph GT6 and Lotus Europa models. There was a class for European cars, so we saw some fancy examples of Mercedes, Ferrari, and others. Jerry, Richard, and Bob won door prizes. OVAHC had five Healeys in the contest. Craig Rice from Indy had his nice 100-4 all shined up. Many friends from Miami Valley AHC were there with their shiny Healeys. same weekend.

The Ault Park Concours was very successful... \$50,000 to the Arthritis Foundation and 2nd highest attendance. Goes to prove that the Healey's still draw a crowd!!!

MAINSTRASSE CAR SHOW



Best of Show was the Black & White 58 Corvette; Nick Sideris

