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# Newsleak



## February Meeting

March 2018

We had twenty-seven members attend the February 3, 2018 OVAHC meeting at the Jackson home in Westwood. Presidents Jeff Porada and John Jacobs, as well as Treasurer Cindy were away. It had really snowed hard before the meeting scheduled for January, and the predictions of "white death" and ICE caused us to cancel. Therefore, this was the first meeting of 2018.

Vice President John Wallace led the meeting. John thanked our hosts, Joan and Skip Jackson. (Applause) Historian John Parrott, Membership Sandy, Secretary Dale, and Editor Mary Ann all had no report. Jake gave the Treasurer's report for Cindy. Debts were paid, dues deposited, and our balance is good.

Activities Activator Skip said we are invited to the Vinoklet Winery on February 17 to join the BCCGC for a steak dinner. March 24 is the Leprechaun Run and it is limited this year to 75 cars. April 14 is Kurt Niemeyer's sixth annual Think Spring super-duper car drive with 25 clubs invited. Kurt explained that we are donating our share of the fees to the David Kreuter Memorial Education Fund again. Two stops are planned and the end is by the Ohio River in New Richmond. The drive details will be in the April Newsleak.

Skip is planning a caravan to Springthing for May 17. All Sprites get a free registration. Mid Ohio invited us to the British Vintage races and classic car show on Saturday, June 23. July 15 – 20 is the French Lick, Indiana Conclave. September 20 - 23 is our OVAHC hosting of the Roundup weekend show in Lawrenceburg. September 24 starts the Put-in-bay races. October 4 – 7 has the Southeast Classic in Charleston, South Carolina. It is 674 miles each way. If you have any route suggestions, contact him.

Delegate Don has all the car show registration forms on the [www.Ohiovalleyahc.com](http://www.Ohiovalleyahc.com) web site. He mentioned that soon we would have our 2018 Drivers' Training session schedule set. He wants to change from the Ladies' Day of the past years to OVAHC member day. We will be the only ones there, and will run free. The object is to get our men and women comfortable driving and all their cars prepared for the French Lick Conclave Gymkhana.

In May, the AHCA is having a leadership meeting in Louisville. Don asked if we had any input for them. Dale wanted to address the membership procedures to see if we can have control of the timing for our club, even if it means printing and mailing them ourselves. Tim wanted to see if a good rate for a transport company could be arranged for the Black Hills Conclave in September of 2019. Don mentioned Passport Transport out of St. Louis.

Business Manager Jake said he has OVAHC drivers' training dates. He and Don will travel to Salem Speedway to check out the gymkhana site. Our club will run it for the Indy club. Conclave 2019 would most probably be based in Deadwood, South Dakota. The idea is for a September show with that being the destination for a vacation. Jake is a consultant for the committee. If you have suggestions, contact him. There may be an after-Conclave tour.

Tech Director Tim reported we had two sessions. One for Nate Fuson's square body A-H Sprite, where at the end, he bravely took Chris Wolfer on a test drive. The other session was Friday for the Bugeye rib case transmissions at Jake's home. Chris has a Sprite tranny that needs TLC al-



# Minutes, continued

so. John Haines wants to figure out the problem with his Sprite engine. Lauren Davidson's Sprite needs final work to get it ready for Springthing. John Wallace wants a session for his AH 100 interior. Tim is trying to set up a regular day of the week (Tuesday) for the Tech Team to go out and provide service to club members' Healeys. Call Tim to request Healey help via phone or email him.

Old business: John gave the floor to co-vice president, Lauren Wallace. She accepted payments and took orders for eighteen "Spring-special" OVAHC September Roundup shirts. She had some to try on at the meeting. She will close out the order at the March meeting at her home.

New business: Lauren also had raffle tickets benefiting the Cincinnati Symphony for sale. It features a French Lick Resort spa, dinner, and two-night room package valued at \$950. Valid during Conclave, too! They are \$20 each or three for \$50. She accepts cash, checks, and credit cards. Drawing is 4/12, so she will sell more at the March meeting.

The next meeting is Saturday, March 17 at the home of John and Lauren Wallace. The complete details will be in the Newsleak. John thanked Joan and Skip Jackson for hosting. (Applause) John adjourned the meeting at 3:45 PM. After more snacking and socializing, a dozen of us went to Henke's Winery for dinner.

Submitted by OVAHC Secretary,  
Dale Ballinger "at your service"



## Meetings 2018

March.....Wallace  
April.....John and Ash-  
ley Jacobs  
May 12.....Grabow

June.....Porada /Bacon  
July.....Cox  
August.....Wolfer (picnic)  
September.....Loos  
October.....Parrott (bonfire)  
November.....Sippel  
December.....Ft. Wright Civic Center

# Calendar 2018

March 24..... Leprechaun Run  
April 7 (Sat).....Gymkhana  
April 14..... Spring drive <http://www.springclassicdrivingtour.org/>  
May 17..... Bluegrass Club-Springthing—Louisville (see Reg. form)  
May 26 (Sat).....Gymkhana  
June 10 ..... Concours d'Elegance—Ault Park (Breakfast at First  
Watch Rookwood  
June 11 ..... Richmond Virginia NAMGAR (MGA Get Together)  
June 16 (Sat).....Gymkhana  
June 30 (Sat).....Gymkhana for OVAHC Only—test and tune for Con-  
clave at your own pace  
July 1 ..... Hot Springs AK—60 years of Spridgets  
July 7 ..... Ice Cream Social and Drive—Natl Car Collector Day  
July 8 ..... Cincinnati British Car Day  
July 15 ..... Conclave—French Lick IN  
July 22 ..... Rollin' on the River—Car Show—Fernbank Park  
August 4 ..... Dayton Ohio Car Show  
August 5 (Su).....Gymkhana  
September 2 ..... Coney Island—Amusement Park Rides &Swim Car  
Show  
September 20 .....September Roundup, Lawrenceburg, Indiana  
September 24 .....Put-In-Bay OH Vintage Races  
October 2 ..... SE Classic—Charleston SC  
October 8 ..... Spring Grove Cemetery—Car Show & Tour of  
Grounds  
October 27 (Sat).....Gymkhana  
December 8 .....Christmas party at Ft.Wright Civic Center

Events such as picnic in August, Mainstrasse car show in August and Bonfire in October will be added as dates become available. will be added to the calendar as dates are set. Please check back for more activities



# Tech Team Report



Nate Fuson's tech session 1/21/18

Nate reported that he will need a club member to take care of his Sprite at the Conclave this year. He can't attend all the events of the week, but wants his Sprite at the car show.

On Sunday, January 21, the OVAHC tech team of Richard Pratt, Bernie Grabow, Dale Ballinger, Chris Wolfer and Tim Ross, met at the Nate Fuson shop in Latonia Station for (hopefully) the last tech session on Nate's Sprite. The car looks great, and we think we finished with the installation of the grill, rough aiming of the headlights, bled the hydraulic clutch (for the fourth time – finally got the pedal hard, but wore out Gayle's left leg), modified the trunk weather-stripping, and installed the radio console with speakers. We had good weather that Sunday, so Nate and Chris were able to drive away for a short shake-down cruise – reporting back that all went well. Our one follow-up is to get and install a "shorter" radio that will fit in the space we have for the console.



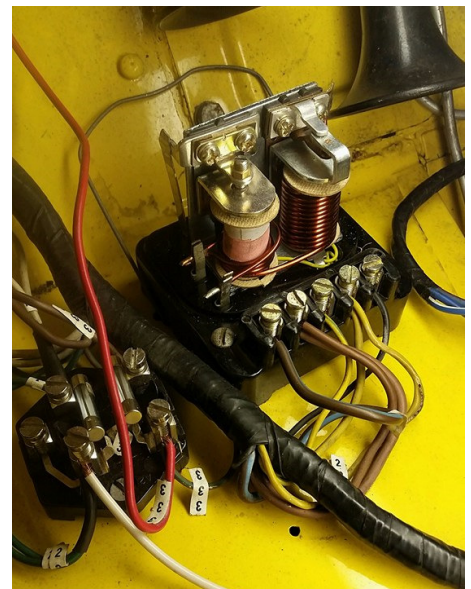


# Tech Team Report continued

On Friday Feb 2 (Groundhog Day), the OVAHC tech team met at the Jake Jacobs shop to start to assemble two rib-case Sprite transmissions for Japan. All the parts had been cleaned, the new parts from Moss were sorted, new bearings installed in place of the old ones, ditto the seals. We looked over all the parts we had from at least four disassembled transmission and made sure (we think) that we have two good sets of similar parts for final assembly. We could not complete the assembly due to the first gears not arriving from Moss; as it turned-out they arrived to the Porada shop the next day. So we will meet again on Friday Feb 16 to hopefully complete the assemblies.



The OVAHC tech group met at the yellow Bugeye of John Haines this past Friday, 2/9/18. The initial problem of not wanting to run was quickly solved by Richard with the addition of some gas, even tho' the gauge read half full. We should have told John Haines that the gauges are seldom accurate. Then the tech team deduced that the battery was not being charged, so the voltage regulator and new-looking generator were suspect. In doing some trouble shooting, the wire from the voltage regulator to the charging light on the dash smoked and shorted. This really excited the tech team – now something to work on! The regulator and generator were removed. Richard consulted the service manuals, and the first problem seemed to be an unsoldered wire in the regulator. The team then made a short road trip, en masse, to Hamilton's starter, alternator repair shop at 3353 Madison Pike, Ft. Wright, KY (phone 859-578-8080). Bad news – they had never seen a Lucas regulator, and had no parts. Good news – they seemed to have starters, alternators, water pump parts for every other car. They should be able to rebuild Lucas generators since they were used on old Ford tractors. They may also be able to replace the leaking water pump seals on Healeys, as they seem to have a large collection of different seals. We were shown the many back shops and warehouses containing a huge collection of electrical item (and some train and RR stuff). Nice helpful guys who may be able to help all OVAHC members. We went back and soldered the wire in the regulator ourselves, then thoroughly checked out the generator, and pronounced it new and good. Dale ran to get some matching yellow primary wire to replace the smoked one. And with everything back together and the new wire, the Bugeye started and ran well and the generator seemed to start charging the battery. Thanks to Richard, Bernie, Skip, Dale and Tim for helping John get the car running well.





## More tech team reports..busy guys!



Under the watchful eyes of Jake Jacobs, members of the Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club Tech Team begin the reassembly of 1 of 2 Austin-Healey Sprite Transmissions destined for members of the Austin Healey Club of Japan.

## Caught in the Act

Dale and a group of Tech Team members visited Hamilton's shop in Ft. Wright. Think they were all drooling over the various vintage parts.



Mark your calendar – The driving season is near!

## Ohio Valley Austin – Healey Club

### Driver's Training / Gymkhana 2018



April 7 (Saturday)

May 26 (Saturday)

June 16 (Saturday)

June 30 (Saturday) OVAHC only – Test and Tune for Conclave at your own pace.....

August 5 (Sunday)

October 27 (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 tooooo loud.** We want to come back next year.

.... 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)



After a 19 month gap in the restoration process, the tech team reconvened at the Davidson garage to see if we could finally get Winston on the road. Lauren had a good list of items to check, and the tech team started with putting fresh gas in the new gas tank (no leaks – good), changing the thermostat and gasket (thanks to Don Klein for the parts), which needed silicone to really stop the weeping, new antifreeze mixture, Dale checked the horns – sounded like a wounded duck – will need new ones, the brakes seemed to work ok, ditto the clutch, the battery had been left without a trickle charger so it needed to be charged. Bernie started fitting the seat frames. The primary concern was the wiring, which Richard, Lauren and Troy worked on. Once we had some voltage from the battery to work with, we tried the new gear-reduction starter – no turning! The troubleshooting involved the starter solenoids, and the motor rotation. With the car in gear, and with a group push, the engine would not rotate – RATS! On a warm sunny afternoon, the mood in the garage was overcast. Various bad scenarios to the engine non-rotation were discussed, some plans were made to move the car to another garage and pull the engine for more checks. As we packed-up, unlikely as it seemed, Dale Ballinger noticed that the new fan belt was not in the crankshaft pulley groove and instead was jammed between the front engine cover and the pulley. With this quickly removed, the push check worked, the starter turned the flywheel a little and everyone was again happy! We still have a few items to go for the next tech session, and then to get the motor started and out for the first test drive – but Spring is on the way.



## Little advertising from some of the member's favorite places

Homer's Radiator Service  
15 Lendale Dr  
Florence Ky 41042  
859-525-1130

Open Monday - Friday 8:30 to 6:00

Radiators - Air Conditioning - Water Pumps - Brakes -  
Tune Ups and much more

When your car needs a little work, Homer's Radiator Service's excellent shop in Florence is the perfect place to go. Keep your new or OLD car running with Homer's Radiator and Repair Service.

**HAMILTON'S**

Starters • Alternators • Batteries • Water Pumps

3353 Madison Pike  
Ft. Wright, Ky. 41017

Shop  
859-578-8080







# SpringThing

## JOIN US MAY 17-20, 2018

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Car 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Car 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first SpringThing? YES NO

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration (prior to March 2) - \$60 (includes two adults)

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration (after to March 2) - \$75 (includes two adults)

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration if **Driving** a Sprite - \$0 (Happy Birthday!)

\_\_\_\_\_ Jeptha Creed Distillery Experience and Dinner - \$50 (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 \$99+ (request Austin-Healey Club rooms)

Courtyard by Marriott - Louisville Northeast

10200 Champion Farms Drive

Louisville, KY 40241

(502) 429-9293

*For more information visit,  
[www.BluegrassClub.com](http://www.BluegrassClub.com) or  
email [Ben.Moore@mac.com](mailto:Ben.Moore@mac.com) or call  
(502) 797-5652.*

# March meeting

Saturday March 17, 2018

2:00 PM for tire kicking and 3:00 PM for the meeting  
Home of **John and Lauren Wallace**  
6824 Treeridge Drive  
Cincinnati, OH 45244-3577 Phone number  
is: 513-231-8883 Cell # 513-375-8884

Directions: (note the driveway is off a side street not on some GPS)

Directions: Using I-275 from southern Hamilton County, Ohio or Kentucky:

Take the Five Mile Road exit, EXIT 69

Turn N onto Five Mile Road and go 2.4 miles

Turn right onto Clough Pike and go 0.4 miles

Turn left onto Wolfangel Road and go 0.6 miles

Turn left onto Little Dry Run Road for under 0.1 mile

Take the 1st right onto Lawyer Road and go 1.2 miles

Turn right onto Perthwood Drive (Treetops subdivision) and go 0.1 miles

Take the 1st left (Stop Sign) onto Treeridge Drive and go 0.2 miles

When you see Treevalley Court on the left, turn right instead at the set of mailboxes on the right onto Treeridge Court.

6824 is down on the right hand side



From 275 ( northern Hamilton County, Ohio):

275 exit 63A Route 32 to Newtown 4.9 miles

Left on Church Street (becomes Newtown Rd) 1.2 Miles

Left onto Lawyer Rd. 0.2 miles

First Left onto Perthwood Drive to Stop Sign (0.08 miles)

Left at Stop sign onto Treeridge (0.2 miles)

When you see Treevalley Court on the left, turn right instead at the set of mailboxes on the right onto Treeridge Court.

6824 is down on the right hand side

Directions from downtown Cincinnati:

Keep left to take US-50 East from I-471 or I-75 or I-71 towards Columbia Pkwy/US-52 go 6.4 miles

Take the exit toward OH-32/Beechmont Ave/OH-125 go 0.1 miles

Stay straight to go onto Phylliss Ave for a few yards

Take the 1st right onto Beechmont Ave/OH-32 go 1.4 miles

Merge onto OH-32 E/Batavia Rd toward Newtown/Batavia and go 0.7 miles

Turn slight right onto Clough Pike go 1.4 miles

Turn left onto Newtown Road and go 0.7 miles

Turn sharp right onto Lawyer Road and go 0.2 mile

Take the 1st left onto Perthwood Drive and go 0.1 mile

Left at stop sign onto Treeridge (0.2 miles)

When you see Treevalley Court on the left, turn right instead at the set of mailboxes on the right onto Treeridge Court.

6824 Treeridge is on the right (note the driveway is off a side street not on some GPS)





## REGISTRATION FORM

Join us for this fun weekend by simply sending in the completed registration form with payment; then make your hotel reservation at: The DOUBLETREE HILTON HOTEL LAWRENCEBURG, INDIANA – Call (812) 539-8888 and ask for the Healey Club rate.

The room price is \$99.00 (plus applicable taxes, etc.) per night.

Make your reservations early to assure a good choice. Reservations received Sept. 1, 2018 and later will be at standard rates and choices will be limited.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Car 1: Include model and year \_\_\_\_\_

Car 2: Include model and year \_\_\_\_\_

Club affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Early Registration - \$70.00 for two people \_\_\_\_\_ \$

Late Registration (after September 1, 2018) - \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$

Banquet Dinner - \$30.00 Per person Number of dinners: ☐ X \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$

### EVENT POLOS

Pre order ONLY before 9/1/2018 - Polo Shirts with embroidered logo for \$30 each:



Mens Silk Touch Polo -  
Clover Green

Number of Shirts  
in each size  
S M L XL XXL

Mens Shirts  
Total

-  X \$30.00 = \$

Ladies Silk Touch Polo -  
Clover Green

Number of Shirts  
in each size  
S M L XL XXL

Ladies Shirts  
Total

-  X \$30.00 = \$

Make checks payable to:

The Ohio Valley Austin-Healey Club or OVAHC

Mail registration form with payment to:

Gayle Loos

78 Broadview Place

Fort Thomas, Ky 41075-1052

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions call Dale Ballinger at 859-384-1345 or visit OhioValleyAHC.com



You may pay at the February or March OVAHC meetings or mail this order form before 3/17/18 with check payable to OVAHC to:

Lauren Wallace  
6824 Treeridge Drive  
Cincinnati, OH 45244

Hello OVAHC members,

We will need workers in September when we host September Roundup in Lawrenceburg, Indiana.

I propose we offer special show shirts to our members at a price near costs. Twenty-five bucks apiece with some special Twenty dollar shirts for the Ladies! The regular Polo shirts on the registration form will still be available for \$30 until September 1. All shirts below will have the logo shown above on the left breast area. If you already paid, you can change it and get a rebate.

And, why can't the OVAHC wear reddish or maroon instead of green? Men with stripes, and ladies fashion, and the Polo shirts too? You can choose the color and style in your size. I want to sell these in early 2018 (deadline to order and pay is 3/17/2018) for only \$25 each to our OVAHC members who want them - with \$20 Specials for the Ladies. Delivery in April, then we can wear them to Springthing...etc.

Sport-Wick® ST654 100% poly

Green with accents



Ag

True red w/accents



Atr

Black/red/white



Ab

K8000 all cotton

Green Glen and Maroon Polo shirts



Bgg



Bm

Ladies Polo shirts

ALL styles below are 100 % Cotton

Ladies fashion tee shirts

LK8000

Green Glen and Maroon



Cgg



Cm

LPC450VLS

Forest Green & Cardinal



Dfg



Dc

LPC54LS

Athletic Maroon Kelly



Eam



Ek

**Ladies Special - only \$20 each until March 17th!**