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# Newsleak



## March Meeting

April 2018

We had over twenty-five members attend the March 17, 2018 OVAHC meeting at the eastside home of Vice Presidents John and Lauren Wallace. President Jeff Porada ran the Saint Patrick Day meeting. Co President John Jacobs and Editor Mary Ann were away.

Jeff called the meeting to order and thanked our hosts, Lauren and John. (applause) President Jeff and Business Manager Jake had no report. Vice President John thanked all for attending and especially Jeff so he (John) did not have to run the meeting. Treasurer Cindy gave her report. More September Roundup registrations came in. Debts paid, dues deposited, and our balance is good.

Secretary Dale gave membership Sandy's report. One person dropped out, but all the rest except one member have paid for 2018. Secretary Dale read the 3/7/2018 obituary of OVAHC friend, Terry Kesslering. He owned Antique Auto in Hebron, KY and frequently contributed to our car shows. Skip made a motion and it was approved to send \$50 to the American Heart Association.

Activities Activator Skip said March 24 is the Leprechaun Run and it is limited this year to 75 cars. (Note: postponed to 4/7 due to snow. April 14 is Kurt Niemeyer's sixth annual Think Spring super-duper car drive with 25 clubs invited. OVAHC is going Back to the goat farm. (applause) Kurt explained that we are donating our share of the \$5 per person fee to the David Kreuter Memorial Education Fund again. Meet Skip at Modern American Insurance Group parking lot in Amelia. Address is 7000 Midland Blvd Amelia, OH 45102. Check in begins at 8:30 AM with a coffee and snack truck on site. The first car out at 10:00 AM. Party afterwards around 3:00 PM with a Cruise-in on the closed down streets of New Richmond off US 52 along the Ohio River.

(Note: From I-275 in Ohio take exit 65 and go east on Ohio 125 (aka Ohio Pike / Beechmont Ave) for 3.2 miles. You should stop and fill up the gas tank while on 125. Then turn left on Bach Buxton Road and go 0.5 miles ahead to the driveway of MAIG on the right.)

May 6 is the Harvest Home Car Show. Skip and Richard Pratt are planning a caravan to Springing for May 17. The Lake Waynoka Car Show is June 2. Joe & Judy Yan-



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# Minutes, continued

none invited us to their lakeside home for food, fun, and free boat rides afterwards. On June 24, there is a Joe Knux-all charity fundraiser at the car show in Hamilton, OH. If you have any questions, contact Skip.

Scott Brown announced that a B-17 fly-in is planned for Grimes Field May 14 and 15. It is off Route 68 near Urbana, OH. He has planned a drive up for some local car clubs. Visit <http://www.champaignaviationmuseum.org/> for more information. This includes a full week of activities to include the Memphis Belle display at the Dayton AF Museum. Visit <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/> for more exciting B-17 info.

Delegate Don reported from the AHCA leadership meeting. Trailers are local clubs' responsibility. Membership payments made online save them funds. Conclave 2019 is planned for Deadwood near the Black Hills Conclave in September of 2019. Places like Florida or the Carolinas are being considered. For 2022, an international Conclave in Park City, Utah is in the planning stages. See Don with your questions.

Tech Director Tim reported we had several sessions. Lauren Davidson's Sprite gave as some fits and needs more work. Don provided some necessary parts. Jake was able to sort out some of the wiring problems. John Haines wants to do more updates on his Sprite. Tim brought up the continuing saga of many Fridays the tech team spent at Jake's basement man cave for rebuilding the Bugeye rib case transmissions. Jake called up the four stalwarts who finished two trannies for our friends in Japan. He gave Richard Pratt, Bernie Grabow, and Tim Ross each a bottle of whiskey and Skip Jackson one of wine in appreciation of their efforts. (applause) Jake shipped them off in glorious wooden crates. Look for a write-up in the Healey Marque by summer. Call Tim to request Healey help via phone or email him.

Historian John Parrott has found a new member for our club. His son Josh just bought a 1969 Square body Sprite. Richard and Scott inspected it up by Cleveland, and John rented Tim's trailer to pick it up.

New business: Chris Wolfer has new 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary Sprite tee shirts for sale. Call him or email him. They cost \$30 total for front small personalization and large back artwork, and \$20 for only the logo he designed for the back. Email him at [cwlfr@fuse.net](mailto:cwlfr@fuse.net) or call 859-635-0709. (picture on last page)

Old business: Lauren is closing the September Roundup shirt order today. (Note: we ordered 37) Lauren also had raffle tickets benefiting the Cincinnati Symphony for sale. They are \$20 each or three for \$50.

Dale gave a six month until September Roundup update. He is Chairman. Scott Brown is funkhana. John Parrott is car show. Chris Wolfer is artwork. Lauren Wallace is shirts and split the pot. Jake is business. Cindy and Gayle are registration. Bobby and Tim Ross are walking rally. Sandy & Dale are road rally. Skip is silent auction. We need hospitality hosts. Thursday we will provide hors d'oeuvres or a meal. Please consider volunteering soon.

The next meeting is Saturday, April 21 at the new home of John and Ashley Jacobs near Loveland, OH. The complete details will be in the Newsleak. Jeff thanked John and Lauren for hosting (applause) and adjourned the meeting. After more snacking and socializing, an informal tech session took place in the garage for John's AH 100 interior. Submitted by OVAHC Secretary, Dale Ballinger "at your service"





# Members out and about



Ben took Bernie to Amelia Island for the Concourse d-Elegance



During Jerry and Peggy Spurlock's stay in Mississippi, they attended a car show at Our Lady of the Gulf church in Bay St. Louis. A beautiful weather day with 240 cars of all makes, models and years and

one Austin-Healey 3000. The owner is Peter Brauen, who has BMC Restorations in Kiln, Mississippi. His car at the show is a 1964, phase one, modified to three-carb, Austin Healey 3000. He belongs to the New Orleans British Car Club, but not in the Austin-Healey Club of America, at the moment, so we gave him a card for a free one year membership to get him started again.



## Meetings 2018

April.....John and Ashley Jacobs  
May 12.....Grabow

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



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Champaign Air Museum at Grimes Field in Urbana Ohio will be hosting a “fly-in” of WWII aircraft including several B17’s on May 14th and 15th. One of the B17’s will be selling rides. The museum has a B-17 under restoration by a crew of dedicated volunteers and also has a B24 and a section dedicated to the Women’s Air Corp and a lot of other interesting items. After the fly-in, the planes head to Dayton Air Force Museum for the unveiling of the restored B17 “Memphis Belle. OVAHC is planning a day trip to the museum on either the 14th or 15th - plans will be announced soon.

**Gathering of B-17's**  
Grimes Field Urbana, Ohio



**B-17 Rides Available**  
**May 14 - 15 19-20, 2018**  
9AM – 5PM  
[champaignaviationmuseum.org](http://champaignaviationmuseum.org) | 937-652-4710

Celebrate the B-17F *Memphis Belle*™ to go on display May 17, 2018  
at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force  
[www.nationalmuseum.af.mil](http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil)





# Calendar 2018

April 7..... Gymkhana  
April 7..... (rescheduled) Leprechaun Run  
April 14..... Think Spring Drive [www.springclassicdrivingtour.org](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 Conclave  
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 14 ..... Chatfield College car show and quilt display  
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

**NOTE:** Ben Grabow's Healey will be featured at the Concours d'Elegance this year—be sure to attend and enjoy!

# Caught in the Act

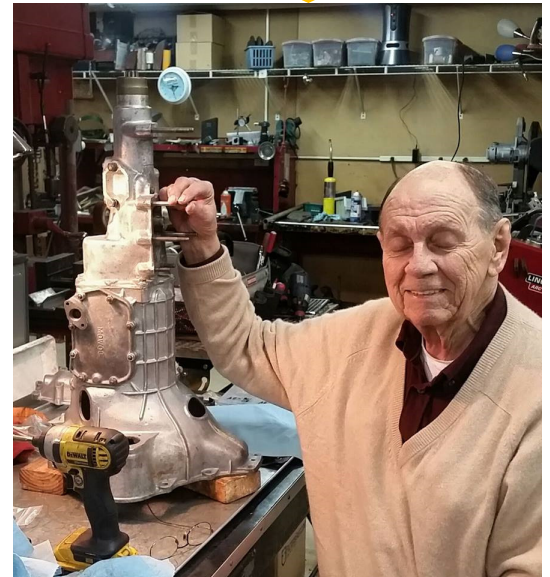


Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club Tech Team member Skip Jackson proves that it's possible to assemble an Austin-Healey Sprite transmission with your eyes closed. **How good is he?**

Today, members of the Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club Tech Team used an **All Hands-On approach** while bench testing the newly rebuilt Austin-Healey Sprite transmission destined for the Austin Healey Club of Japan.



Disclaimer: Dale made a few edits on this page...don't blame me.



If all else fails, **mouth to mouth resuscitation** may be an option or is he the **“transmission whisperer”**



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)





# 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.*



# April meeting

April OVAHC Gathering at John, Ashley, and Ella Rosemary Jacobs home.  
Saturday, **April 21st. 11:00 AM tire kicking meeting at noon.**  
phone 513.310.9426

Address is  
224 Obannon Ave  
Loveland OH, 45140

**New house...no  
pictures.**

From north of Cincy:  
Using 71 or 75, take 275 east/south toward Kentucky  
Take exit 52 (Loveland/Indian Hill)  
Left on Loveland Maderia Road (get in right lane)  
Turn right on East Kemper Road  
Turn right onto West Loveland Road (its at the stop sign and it's a 4 lane road)  
Get into left lane of W. Loveland and go over bridge  
Turn right on South 2nd Street (first road after railroad tracks)  
Turn Left on Obannon Avenue (first street on the left, if you go up the hill you've missed it)  
Go all the way down Obannon (it turns into a 1 lane road after the cul-de-sac)  
Turn right at the end of the street, that's my driveway).  
If you end up in the creek you went about 15 feet too far.

From Kentucky and south of Cincy:  
When traveling on west/north 275:  
Get off at Exit 54 (Wards Corner Road)  
Turn right on Wards Corner  
Turn right on OH-48/Paxton Ave/South 2nd Street  
Turn Right onto Obannon Avenue (first street on right at the bottom of the hill  
If you pass a gas station on the right you went to far)  
Go all the way down Obannon (it turns into a 1 lane road after the cul-de-sac)  
Turn right at the end of the street, that's my driveway).  
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# Tech Team



On Feb 23 the tech team of Richard, Bernie, Tim & Skip met at the Jacobs shop to troubleshoot the transmissions that we previously reassembled – but seemed to have issues: noisy and tight. We found the input shaft and gear from the noisy one was 948 cc part (19 teeth) versus the needed 20 tooth 1275 trans shaft. So it came out and we had a choice of two 20 tooth shafts, Richard choose one but the new input bearing had to be carefully swapped to the right shaft. Then the reassembly proceeded. This brought us to the next challenge: the selector rods and their mysterious balls. Trying to read and interpret the instructions from a service manual was difficult, Richard read, and Bernie, Skip and Tim tried to follow. At the end of the day the input shaft replacement (mostly) solved the gear clashing noise, but the shifting was not right. We'll be back to address that next time. Jake was kind to allow us into the shop while he and Joyce attended the birth of their first grandchild Ella – congratulations to all!

On March 2, we were back with a better shop manual that actually showed diagrams of the shifting rod ball placements. One needs to add the balls in a certain order after turning the transmission to a specific orientation for gravity to help keep the balls in place. We followed the official BMC "Austin Healey Sprite Workshop Manual" and finished the reassemblies. One transmission, after adding some ATF for lubrication, rotated quietly and shifted well through all the gears – DONE. The other transmission would not shift or rotate indicating two gears selected together. We pulled the shifting rods and found that we had some 948 parts still mixed in! With an inspected and blessed set of shift rods, the reassembly (went quicker the fourth time) got us back to the final tests. But that transmission still had too much gear noise in first and reverse and will not shift smoothly – so a new 1275 certified reverse gear is to be ordered unless Moss can advise us on the proper reverse gear part number. We suspect that the reverse gear might be a 948 part and interfering with first gear rotation. At least we got one ready to crate! The moral of the story is keep the damn 948 parts away from the area when building a 1275 gearbox, the parts may look the same but are of slightly different dimensions and don't mix!





On Friday, March 9, 2018, Richard Pratt, Jake Jacobs and Tim Ross met to finally finish the assembly of the second Sprite rib-case transmission for Japan. Jake and Jeff Porada had ordered and received a new reverse gear, made in Italy, which should guarantee the proper mesh of the teeth. Since we had sooooo much experience with disassembling and reassembling the transmissions, the change-out of the gear went quickly. We were cautious with the selection of shift rods, etc., used plenty of grease on the synchros, bearings and gears, and all new lockwashers under the nuts. Lo and behold ! the reassembled box rotated and shifted great. Now Jake will make crates and have them shipped to his friends in Japan. Richard and I declined the offer to go into business rebuilding Sprite gearboxes – but for anyone else, you need to read the manuals, go slowly on the disassembly with many photos of the steps, and above all only work on one gearbox at a time. Regards - Tim

P.S. This session went so fast and straightforward there was no time for any photos.



**The 34th anniversary of the  
Midwest's best British car &  
motorcycle show!**



**Saturday, August 4, 2018 9am - 4pm  
Eastwood MetroPark,  
1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, Oh.**





Tech team's  
fine work,  
finished.  
Richard, Skip,  
Jake, Bernie  
and Tim



Transmissions,  
packed up  
and shipped  
to Japan.





## 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

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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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

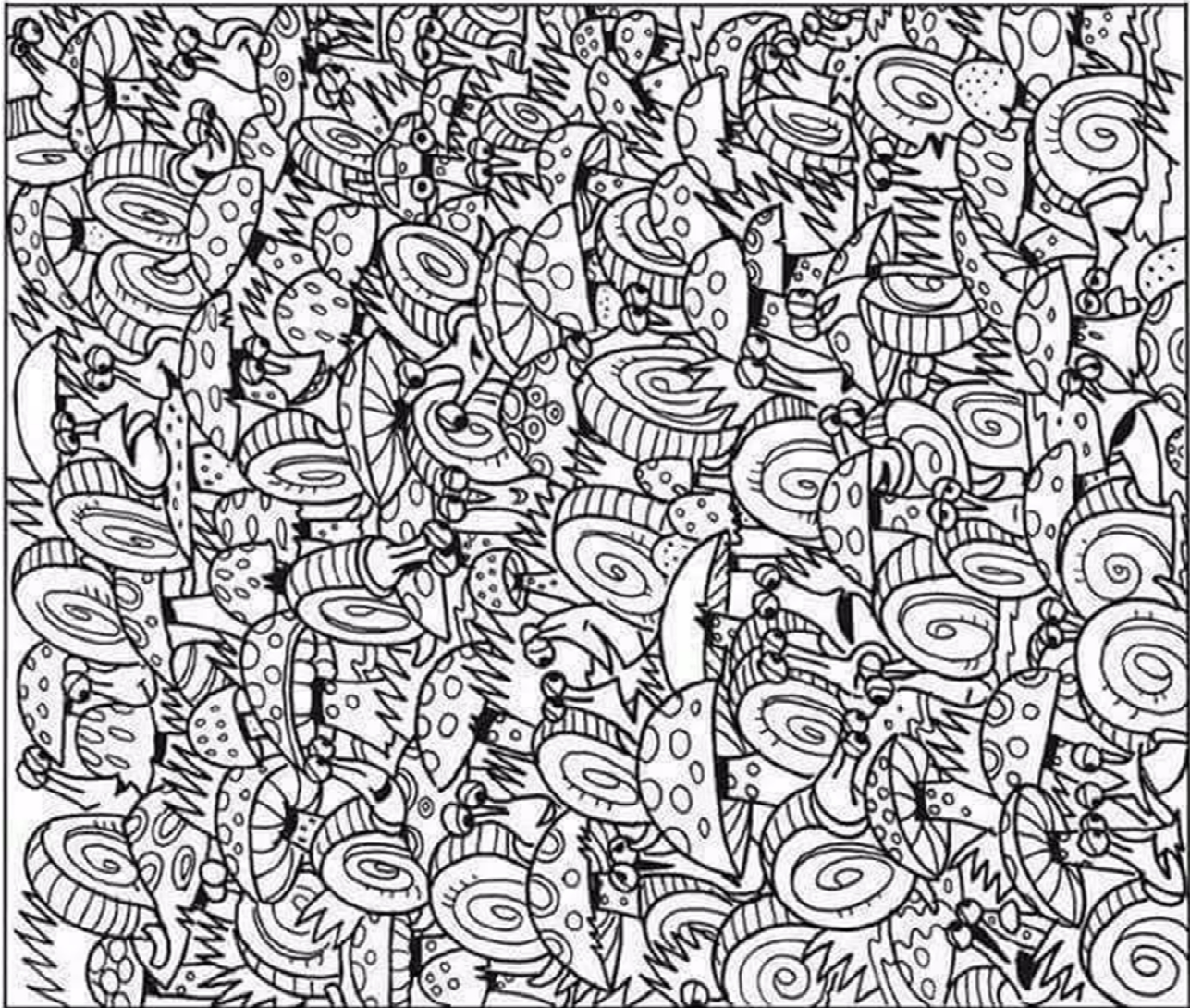
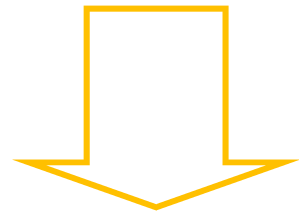
If you have questions call Dale Ballinger at 859-384-1345 or visit OhioValleyAHC.com





These shirts will be available from Chris Wolfer. If you are interested, please contact Chris.

A little fun to even out the pages...



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