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Newsleak



May meeting

June 2018

We had about 30 members attend the Saturday, May 12 meeting at the home of Mary Ann and Bernie Grabow near Independence, KY. Co-President Jeff Porada ran the meeting. He started by thanking our hosts (applause). Jeff noted he was in the Moss Motoring Magazine with a three-page article as well as a four-page article in the North America Classic MG Magazine because he is young and interested in British cars. (applause) Jeff passed out Winners Circle stickers to promote his new business venture. Co President John Jacob and Delegate Don were away. Vice Presidents John and Lauren Wallace, editor Mary Ann, Historian John Parrott, and Secretary Dale all had no report.



Treasurer Cindy gave her report. One more September Roundup registrations came in. Debts paid, dues deposited, and our balance is good. She passed out OVAHC business cards. Membership Sandy reported we gained a new membership: Dana and Bill Owens from Fairfield Township.

Activities Activator Skip passed around a signup sheet for Concours D 'Elegance discount tickets. OVAHC gets a special parking spot, too. The date is Sunday, June 10. Skip and Dale planned a caravan to Springthing for May 17. Saturday, May 26 is OVAHC drivers' training we need helpers. The Lake Waynoka Car Show is Saturday, June 2. Joe & Judy Yannone invited us to their lakeside home for food, fun, and free boat rides afterwards. On Saturday, June 16 is another OVAHC drivers' training, and we will need helpers. Scott Brown announced that a B-17 fly-in is at Grimes Field May 14 and 15 near Urbana, OH. Skip announced the BCCGC car show is Sunday, July 8. If you have any event questions, contact Skip.

Business manager Jake gave some Conclave details concerning the ladies' Tea. They will have 2 sessions, 1PM and 3PM with room for 30 each. It is Thursday, the same day as the rallye, which is under 100 miles. Signup for which one you need, quickly when you get to Conclave.

Tech Director Tim reported we had several sessions. We worked on and finished the two cars in John Parrott's basement garage. We went to Chris Wolfer's and fixed several things. Then off to Dana Owens for a look at her 1958 100-6. The car needs a lot of TLC. She has decisions to make. The en-



gine must be restarted after many years of storage. The Healey needs tires and wheels. It seems that 48 spoke wheels would work, if they were cleaned up and painted. Jeff Porada has a big sand blaster. Call Tim if you have any donations of wheels, tubes, and / or tires for Dana. John Haines needs his Sprite to be checked out. Nate Fuson has a session planned for Sunday, May 27 to troubleshoot wiring, and finish the restoration. To request Healey help via phone or email Tim. We want these Healeys back on the road! (applause)

New business: Jeff Porada and Winners Circle are sponsoring the Ladies Driving Awards for Conclave. It is a pair of special China plates. Ken Kreuter reported a very generous \$300 donation to the David Kreuter Memorial Scholarship Fund from an anonymous person on behalf of the OVAHC Tech team. (applause) Ken thanked everyone involved. He expressed deep appreciation for our 13 years of continued support. (applause)

Old business: Dale gave a September Roundup update. He is Chairman. We need hospitality hosts. Thursday we will provide hors d'oeuvres or a meal. Please consider volunteering soon.

The next meeting is at the Porada / Bacon home near Mason. The complete details will be in the News-leak. Jeff thanked our hosts, Bernie and Mary Ann Grabow and adjourned the meeting. (applause)

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



Note from the co-president

Conclave is approaching and as the Co-President, I'd like to ask everyone who plans on going to Conclave this year to participate in as many events as possible. There is an award that is given to the club that participate the most events by the members that show up. I like winning things, both individually and as a group. We did not win last year in Texas (even though members from our club won ALL the driving events) and that was disappointing. We have by far the best and most active club in the country with the amount of activities we do together, and I want to make sure that everyone else there knows that we are the club to beat. My main goal would be to have someone from our club place in the top 3 of all the events, but considering I have no control over that, I'm asking everyone to participate in as much as you can. Please put your car in the car show, do the funkhana, do the gymkhana and the rallye. If you need a car, ask me or the Old Jacobs and you can borrow a car for an event. I will only be at Conclave for the first 2 days, but I'll make sure I participate in the car show and both 'khanas to help out the club.

Ladies, our club is sponsoring a women's driver award, and I'd really like to have someone from our club win. If we don't have someone in our club win, I'd at least like to see some participation from the women. Worst case scenario is that you don't win, and the best case is you beat your significant other's time, which equals bragging rights forever. I know a lot of you ladies quilt and do crafts, will you please enter something into the craft contest, it doesn't have to be Healey related, and it helps our club get some participation points.

Thanks,

John Jacobs

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

Meetings 2018

June..... Porada /Bacon
July.....Cox
August.....Wolfer (picnic)

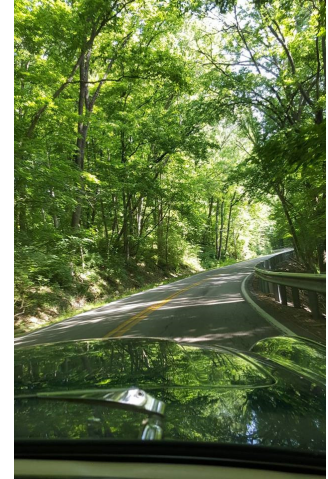
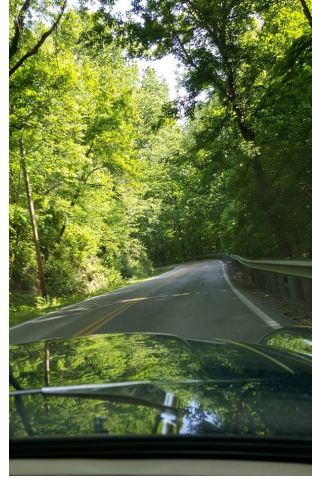
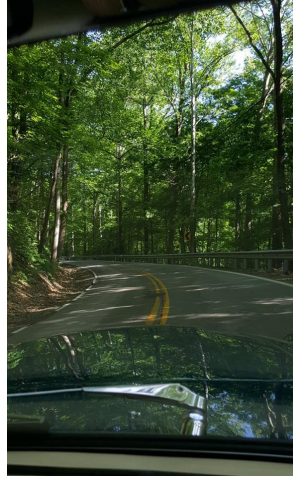
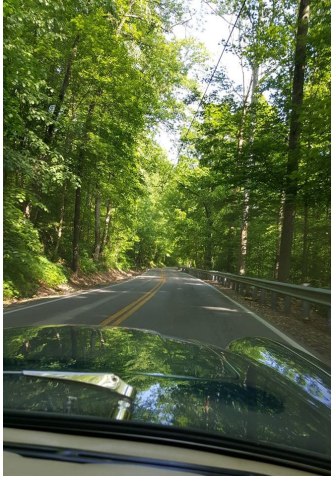
September.....Loos
October.....Parrott (bonfire)
November.....Sippel
December.....Ft.Wright Civic Center

Calendar 2018

May 26 (Sat).....Drivers training—Live Oaks
June 2.....Lake Waynoka—Picnic and Car show
June 10 Concours d'Elegance—Ault Park (Breakfast at
First Watch Rookwood
June 16 (Sat).....Drivers training—Live Oaks
June 23.....BCCGC—Covered Bridge Tour—SW Ohio & In-
diana
June 24.....Joe Nuxhall Car show—Fairfield, OH
June 30 (Sat).....Drivers training for OVAHC Only—test and tune
for Conclave at your own pace
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
July 28.....Kentucky Speedway—Porsche Club Auto Cross
August 4..... Dayton Ohio Car Show
August 5 (Sunday).....Drivers Training - Live Oaks
August 11.....Kentucky Speedway—Porsche Club Auto Cross
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 24Put-In-Bay OH Vintage Races
October 2..... SE Classic—Charleston SC
October 8Spring Grove Cemetery—Car Show & Tour of
Grounds
October 12.....BONFIRE PARTY & MEETING @ Parrots
October 27 (Sat).....Drivers Training—Live Oaks
December 8.....Christmas party at Ft. Wright Civic Center

Caught in the Act

Enjoy the scenery



**The Louisville British
Sports Car Club**

Fifth Annual

British Car Swap Meet

No charge for Vendors—Public Invited

Saturday July 14 - 9 AM to 1 PM

**Location—Bruce Domeck's
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British Sports Car Club



Skip and Dale planning our
return trip



Shopping!



Mark your calendar – The driving season is near!

Ohio Valley Austin – Healey Club

Driver's Training / Gymkhana 2018

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.

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June meeting at Porada/Bacon

8759 meadow drive mason Ohio 45040-9568



June meeting on
6/24, kick tires at
1:00 and meeting
starts at 2:00!

Lost? call 513-315-8958 If you're coming north on 71, go north of I-275 and get off I-71 at exit # 19 onto the mason Montgomery exit. Stay in the left lane of the exit and it will loop around to take you north on mason Montgomery. Stay on mason Montgomery just over a mile. You will go through several lights. You are looking for Irwin Simpson to turn right onto. A good landmark is the red robin on the left at that light. After you have turned right onto Irwin Simpson you will go straight through a light and come to a stop sign. The road at the stop sign is meadow drive, that's the street, turn right. We are under 1/4 to mile on the right, 8759. Just past Simpson Court. Look for a OVAHC sign, British flag, unicorn, or something outstanding. As most of you probably know, Nancy and I don't drink... Well... alcohol. (Note: OVAHC official policy is BYOB) We will have tons of snacks though... That is a world we know quite well. There will also be pop, water, and coffee. Hope everyone can make it and enjoys themselves.



Tech Team



The OVAHV tech team met at the John Parrott shop on Monday, April 23 for our third tech session on his Jensen and on Josh's Sprite. The puzzle of the Sprite high compression was NOT solved by another test (still 230 psi +/- 10), or removing the head and examining the combustion chambers, the pistons, and the bore. The block / pistons seem to be 0.040" over-bore, and the head possibly milled maybe 0.010", but the pistons are still dished, and the stroke is nearly stock (all as far as we could measure with a vernier caliper). Richard ran a series of calculations that showed that we should have only a 9.5:1 compression ratio. After much deliberation, we decided to replace the head,

with a new, stock head gasket, and run the car, watching for burnt plugs and listening for knocking. In our reassembly, we will now have to deal with a broken stud on the rocker arm support on the next tech session.

Meanwhile on the Jensen, more progress was made on the alternator support, and the radio antenna, among other items.

Thanks to the tech team members who participated: Richard, Bernie, Gayle, Dale, Skip, Jerry Cox, Tim and John Parrott. And it was especially good to have Bob Duffy help and provide a 1275 head for our comparisons – he is deciding what are the next steps on his 3000 piston replacement and when he might need tech team help.



John had a great batch of chili made for our lunch, with plenty of other snacks, breakfast pastries and drinks – a great shop to work in, if it wasn't so far out in the sticks.

Chris Wolfer's tech session 5/6

Engine tune-up is complete and it is running extremely well.

Gayle & Dale accepted my challenge, fixed/rebuilt my front flashers/turn indicators - and also installed a new grill!

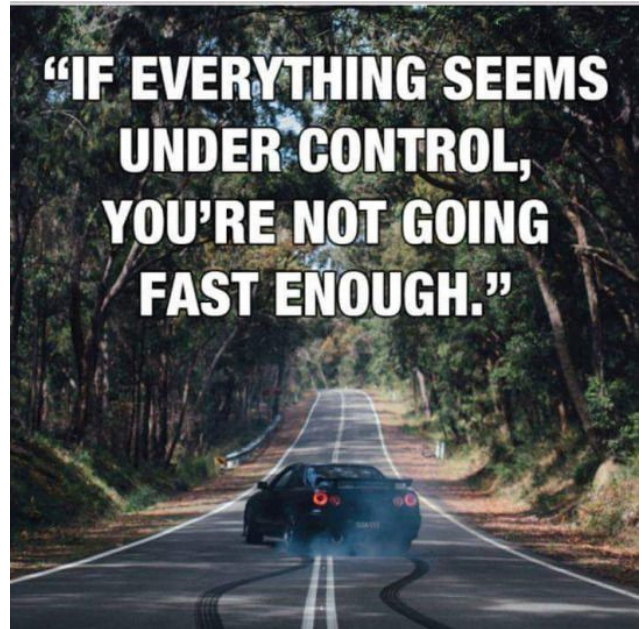
Tim put new wiper arms on, which work very well, and look splendid!

We discovered that the fuse box is falling apart so a new one is on it's way. I'll install it next weekend.

Richard took a look at the tachometer and gave it his blessing, but we couldn't get it to work while the tech team was present.

I fired the car up for a drive last night and noticed some movement on the left side of the dash... looked over and lo and behold the tachometer now works!

Drove the car with a working tach for the first time.



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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.



The Backroad Life

Car show/picnic June 2

Lake Waynoka Car Show Saturday, June 2. Meet at the Frisch's off Route 32 past Batavia. Address is 8192 Winemiller Lane Batavia, OH 45103. Time to meet is 9:45 to leave there by 10:00 AM. Take exit # 63 (A or B depending on from where you are coming) to go EAST on Route 32 for about 7.5 miles. Turn right on Bauer Road just past the top of the hill beyond Batavia. Then turn on Winemiller. Frisch's is close to the corner on the right.

Judy and I will be having a BBQ at our house afterwards for anyone that would like to attend. Bring chairs. We will also be able to take people out on the pontoon boat during the day. Wives can relax on the lake with a refreshing beverage during the show! RSVP if possible please! 1-937-446-9190 Address for the house is: 888 Waynoka Drive, Lake Waynoka, Oh 45171

Concours D-Elegance meet up 6/10

Concours D'Elegance: We are planning on meeting at the First Watch in Rookwood Commons on Madison Road

near Edwards Road beginning at 8:30 AM on Sunday, June 10. (If you do not want to eat, be there by 9:10 AM) Skip will have your tickets, IF YOU RSVP'ed with him. 513-720-7547 We will eat breakfast and at 9:25 AM 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 one mile south of the Norwood Lateral. Take the Smith/Edwards Road exit (Exit #6). At the first light, go left on Williams Ave. (There is a Speedway gas station.) Once you turn get in the right lane. (You will go back over 71.) Turn right onto Edwards Road. At the second light go right on Willard Avenue into Rookwood Commons. First Watch is located off to the left from there.

I-71 NORTHBOUND Take I-71 north to the Smith/Edwards Road exit. (Exit #6.) At the light make a right. Get into the middle lane, ahead. Then turn right (past Rookwood and Fidelity) at the second light onto Edwards Road. Then turn right immediately at Willard Avenue into Rookwood Commons. First Watch is to the left.

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

Activities Report



Field trip to Champaign Air Museum



Thanks to OVAHC and GCMC member Scott Brown for leading the drive to the Museum and to see the B-17's in Urbana on Tuesday 5/15/18. We had 9 cars with 11 people, all Miatas but one MINI. We especially thank Scott and Bill Albers for the wonderful 2 hour personalized and detailed tour of the res-

toration (building new from prints) of the B-17 "Champaign Lady". Some photos are attached. There may be more than one group sent to the



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I sell grape juice for home wine making. It is made by a company called Mosti Mondiale and comes in a 6 gal. bucket. Each bucket will make about 30 bottles of wine. I sell these buckets for around \$100-110 bucks. If anyone is interested, I do tastings in my basement so you can try it before you buy it. I can be reached on my cell at (859)512-6680. Thanks, Dennis Lindauer (OVAHC member)

SPRINGTHING 2018....SPRITE SHINDIG

Day 1: Thursday, 5-17-2018

Yet Another Fling to the Bluegrass Thing...

At 12:00 noon, our caravan of 10, led by our Activities Activator Skip Jackson, commenced from the Murphy Express, Florence, KY, headed west on Rt. 42. Our OVAHC group:

Dale/Sandy Ballinger—red Jensen Scott/Eileen Brown—blue/white tri-carb BT7
Bob/Pat Duffey—blue/white racing-striped Bugeye

Bernie/Mary Ann Grabow—blue/white BJ8

Skip/Joan Jackson—red/white Bugeye “Happy” Jake/Joyce Jacobs—blue Bugeye
Gayle/Cindy Loos—blue BJ8 John /Lauren Wallace—green 100-6
Chris/brother Tim Wolfer—green square body Sprite Joe/Judy Yannone—green Sebring



As we headed to our lunch destination in LaGrange, KY, we felt a warm-cool mix from the sun playing hide 'n seek amidst billowy clouds dancing across a pastel blue canopy. We passed emerald green lawns, pastures and fully-leafed trees that resembled more summer than spring landscapes. This year, Ma Nature's spring was a short-lived segue to a May summer. Wafts of honeysuckle and fresh-cut grass teased the senses. One can be assured that a Healey ride will give a full complement of road and surroundings mindfulness.

As we followed the Ohio River in Gallatin County, near Warsaw, we encountered loose-tarred gravel on the road, impossible to avoid, for at least a mile. Speeds were significantly reduced as we winced at the continuous din of body-denting gravel. We passed the guilty truck, stopped with a police presence. Sometimes road justice is served. Thanks to several astute hawks in the group (Mary Ann, Joe), company and insurer were identified for damage report/ coverage. Some cars fared better than others.

At 2:00 pm, we arrived at the One Nineteen West Main restaurant that was a stone's throw from the railroad tracks. We watched graffiti-art cars whipping by as we lunched. A brief downpour interrupted conversations as a collective driver rush headed for tops up.

Thankfully, we had a mechanically incident-free trip—all pistons and condensers performing. Arriving under cloudy skies, we were heartily greeted under the hotel portico with lemonade, whiskey sours or straight ole KY bourbon. At Hospitality, our Bluegrass hosts served abundant food and drink. These folks always know how to please!



The Bluegrass Club Chairperson-for-Life, Ben Moore, welcomed us all back to share and revisit old friendships and make new ones. He set this year's Spring fest pace as a laid back, do as much as you want—or not—weekend. A plentiful assortment of local flavor brochures, maps info gave us enough to do for weeks. Lastly, we were treated to a memory lane video walk to past Conclaves.

Day 2: Friday, 5-18-18

Here, there and anywhere...



Harvest

Yes, a do-as-you-wish day. Some OVAHCers took the scenic, River Road route to the downtown Louisville district, Nulu. Some visited Joe Ley Antiques to explore this former vintage schoolhouse overflowing with three levels of ceiling-to-floor curiosities, funky finds, and collectibles, including outside. Red Tree was a fun visit of a mélange of artsy furniture, gifts and repurposed items. Harvest was the designated lunch site. Many of the group were returnees to this restaurant of creatively served,

local-sourced foods. The repast did not disappoint, and remains on the revisit list. A sweet finish was enjoyed at the nearby Louis Cream modern ice cream parlor with a multitude of creative flavors and toppings.



Next, a pleasant, relatively short drive to the Kentucky Artisan Distillery in formerly dry Oldham County. We toured this spirit-making facility that's a "young" (as of 2012), craft bourbon small batch mom and pop operation that includes their Jefferson and Whiskey Row bourbons and Highspire Rye. It's an interesting story and making of their Jefferson Ocean brand. As we headed to the porch--thankfully under roof--for the tastings, a torrential down-pour gushed around us. The rain eased enough for us to get to the cars for our next destination, dinner at Selena's at Willow Lake Tavern. A heavy rainstorm resumed as we headed on a seemingly forever 8-mile ride in rush hour back road traffic. New leaks and known leaks were a soggy weather sampling to AH interiors. Towels always a travel must.

That evening, champagne toasts, followed by an abundant number of varietal cakes were served in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Bugeyes-Sprites Birthday Shindig. A fine and well-celebrated delicious time was had by all!

Day 3: Saturday, 5-19-18

More Here, There, and a Banquet...

After a leisurely morning and royal wedding viewing, some of the group departed for Stream Cliff Farm, Restaurant and Winery in Commiskey, IN. Tops were down, defying a pale grey rain-on-the-way sky. We passed again through the Nulu District and by The Murphy Elevator Company, crossing the Ohio River to Indiana. Rural countryside and fields of quilted patterns of gold and green entertained us on our 60 plus-mile trip.

Tops back up with a light intermittent rain for part of our visit. The SC was a gorgeous setting with waterfalls, fountains, blooming plants clustered in delightful gardens and artsy containers, and a vast variety of plants to purchase.

The lunch menu (including desserts) was of fabulous, artfully prepared, locally SC-grown fare.

The adventuresome enjoyed the edible nasturtium leaves (peppery), their orange flowers and also colorful pansy blooms.

We enjoyed tableside entertainment, compliments of our Activities Activator and Resident Bard, Skip Jackson. (Ask him about "The Murphys".)

We returned, tops now down, via Rts. 421 to 42, after we emerged from a "planned(?)" side route, flanked with heavily-forested



trees and a twisty road on steroids that narrowed to driveway width. Whoops, our intrepid Activator, now recalculating, and on our way just as a heavy downpour sends us roadside for tops up (and towels) once again. We proceeded through scenic Madison (and a shop stop for some), crossing the Ohio River and a left on Murphy Lane.



After our 135-mile “jaunt”, we returned just in time to take the 28-minute ride to our Banquet site, Jephtha Creed Distillery. The banquet followed the craft distillery tour and tastings. After a delicious barbecue buffet, our inimitable, loquaciously-articulate host and Lifetime Spring Thing Chair, Ben, adeptly segued the program to extend a special Bluegrass Club thanks and appreciation to all of us, presented awards, and announced split-the-pot and silent auction winners. OVAHC award winners were:

Best Boot-- Dale/Sandy Ballinger, Best Interior-- Bernie/Mary Ann Grabow, Best Paint-- Gayle/Cindy Loos, Best Personality-- Skip/Joan Jackson, Best Sprite Newcomer-- Chris Wolfer

We were even in time for a big screen viewing of the Preakness.

Sunday, 5-20-18 Goodbye, Godspeed...

Thanks abound to our Bluegrass Club hosts and a future encounter come next spring. How fortunate are we all to enjoy unique Healey experiences and enduring fellowship, motoring down the road!

Postscript (Branded by Bernie at the evening's Hospitality bourbon “tasting”):
“Skip's Synonymous Synopsis Statistics”

90 miles Total mileage from Murphy's Express, Florence, KY to Marriott Host Hotel, Northeast Louisville

62 mph Top speed “For you Bugeye people”
39 mph Average moving speed

Springthing 2018 Car Show Awards

Best paint - Gayle Loos
Best interior - Bernie Grabow
Best wheels - Jerry Cassette
Best boot - Dale Ballinger
Best personality - Skip Jackson
Best light show - Bob Thurman
First timer - Chris Wolfer
Lonely Healey award - Gary Brierton
Best Sprite - Sonny Moore

