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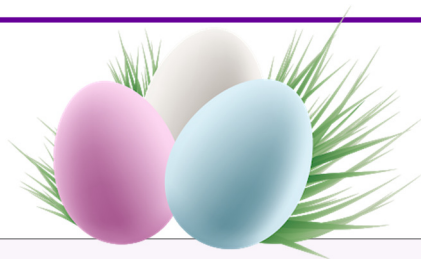
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# NEWSLEAK



## March—no meeting

April 2020

Obviously there was no meeting in March as we are all quarantined.

Although there was no official meeting we did have some discussion on the Christmas party. Lauren has booked a room at her club and they are going to provide a dinner at around \$50/person (alcohol extra). (this can be cancelled if decide differently) The club decided to do away with funding the Christmas party when we discussed the use of our funds. This leaves each of us “on our own” for dinner/drinks at the Christmas event. Since we have become a large group and having it at someone’s house has become cumbersome we are looking at places to go that would provide dinner. We considered a restaurant, but most restaurants are requiring a deposit/fee to reserve a room...and then you have to add dinner to that. Montgomery Inn suggested we come early in the afternoon with no reservation and we could possible be seated in the same area. This is still a pay as you go for dinner and drinks, and not a private space. Remember this is Christmas time and there are a lot of afternoon office parties.

In the past we have had funds for meat and drinks and brought a dish to share (last year at the church). We no longer have funding for these items so if we find a “free hall” we would still have to provide food/meat and drinks/ alcohol in addition to sides and desserts. When we rented the hall 2 years ago and spent \$25/person that was subsidized by the club or it would have cost us more.

It is still early in the year (semi) and there is time for a different idea/ venue/dinner idea. We were trying to keep the party closer to the middle of our collective houses. Lauren’s club is just inside the 275 loop on the east side.

If you don’t have a better idea, would you all be interested in this at approximately \$50/person (includes dinner and quite a nice space..tip included), or would you blow off the Christmas party or volunteer to find a “better place” and food idea? We will be canvassing the club—if you are not coming to the next meeting, let us know what you would prefer to do in December. There is always the option to just blow off the whole thing, but hey...it is Christmas and spending time with friends is a great way to celebrate. We would like to get a head count eventually. There will not be an option for attending and not participating in the dinner.



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## Caught in the Act

Tim Ross (of Tim and Bobbie) our tech team leader getting his hands greasy at Nate Fuson's garage.



## Meetings 2020

April—Ballinger  
May—Grabow  
June—King

July—Cox  
August -Wolfer (picnic)  
September—Lindauer  
November—Jacobs (Jake)  
December TBA

## Calendar for 2020

**NOTE: Be sure to check these dates/events due to our quarantine they may have changed or been cancelled.**

April 3-5, 2020 – Texas Round Up, Granbury TX  
Spring—Date TBA *Vintage Car Dyno Day at Turn In Concepts*  
April 19..Sunday—meeting at Ballingers (tentative)  
April 24,2020 – Kurt's - Wing & Wheel at Tri State War Bird Museum Batavia benefit dinner  
April 25, 2020 – Kurt's - Spring Tour #8 – New Richmond  
May 17-21, 2020 – Conclave 2020 – Crystal River Fla. **CANCELLED**  
June 6—British Bash in Louisville (see Newsleak)  
June 11-14, 2020 Rendezvous - Ontario Canada (Minnesota & mid west Canada clubs)  
June 18-21—Springthing in New Albany, Indiana  
August 28-30 – Kurt's - Bellefontaine OH #2 Hill climb  
September 17-20 – September Round up – Indianapolis  
September 20-24, 2020 – Summit New England Area – Newport RI  
October 1-4, 2020 – SE Classic – Buford Ga. Lake Linear Resort

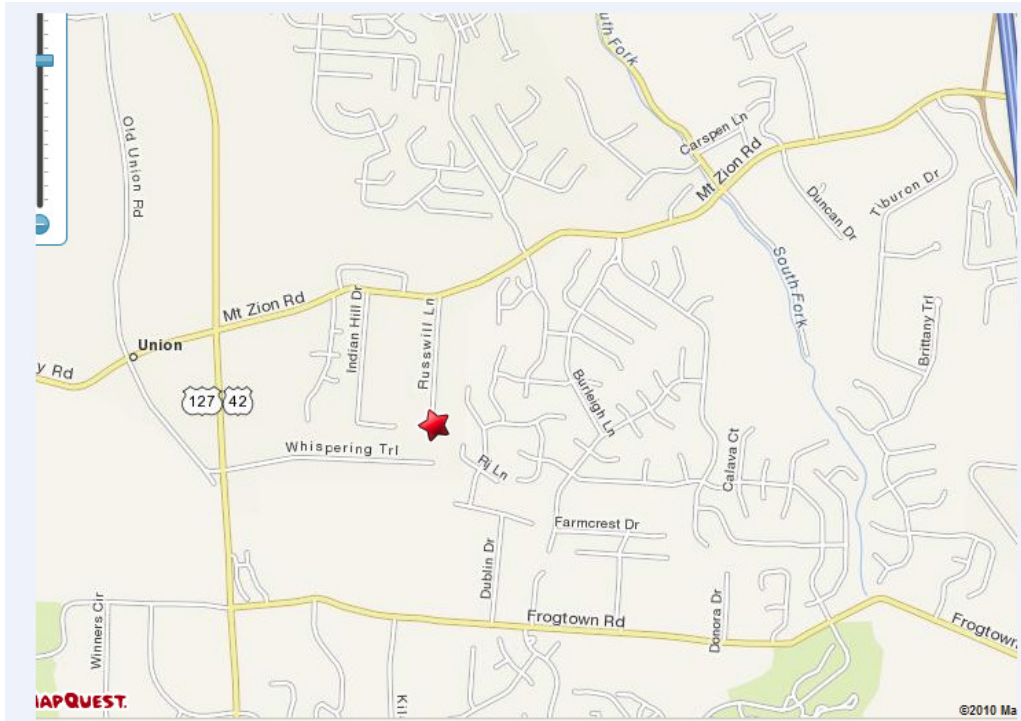
# April meeting—Ballinger's

This is tentative—due to quarantines this may be cancelled

Meeting at Dale and Sandy's is scheduled for Sunday, 4/19. Kick tires at 1:00 and meeting starts at 2:00.

10179 Russwill Ln.  
Union, KY 41091

859-384-1345



Take I-75 / 71 and drive south of I-275 in Kentucky.

Take exit #178 for Route 536 and go right (west).

Drive 1.7 miles through the construction.

Turn left on Russwill Lane, go to 10179.

Our house is the last one on the right.

We suggest you back into the driveway so you can exit easily.

Or go around the circle and park on the uphill side of the street.

Will have some adult beverages, but if you have a favorite, BYOB.

*Again...Please check your e-mail for cancellations as we don't know how long this quarantine will last or how long it will be safe to gather in groups. We seem to be the demographic (most of us) that is most venerable to this disease.*





# Drivers Training 2020

## Ohio Valley Austin – Healey Club

### Driver's Training / Gymkhana 2020

June 13 (Saturday)

June 27 (Saturday)

July 11 (Saturday)

July 18 (Saturday)

August 1 (Saturday)

- Rain or Shine

Location: Live Oak Vocational School - 5956 Buckwheat Road - Milford, OH 45150-2287. Exit # 57 from I-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.

.... Remember - you are competing against yourself, not others - come out and have some fun with your car!

Questions call the Committee:

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# Tech Sessions



The OVAHC tech team met in Latonia on Sunday 3/1/20, at the shop of Nate Fuson for more work on his MGB. Team members Bernie Grabow, Tim Ross, Dale Ballinger, and Chris Wolfer rounded out the work party. For the whole day, Bernie and his welder and body work tools, replaced the bent LR



body panel aft of the wheel well, with a good salvage-yard fender. Bernie got to use the ex-Bob Merten MIG welder, and ended up with a “new” panel ready for body filler and sanding. Amazing that all his tools fit in the back of his BMW sedan. Dale Ballinger first removed all the air pump nonsense, and plugged the holes. Then he attached the fuse block securely. Tim and Chris worked on installing parts of the LF suspension; including lower A-arm, anti-roll bar, spring and swivel pin. Nate had a collection of old and new suspension parts, but Chris and Tim needed the shop manual and both Victoria British and Moss catalogs to sort out the proper part arrangements – we think. Tim came up with a way to hold the spring compressed into a curve in order to fit it to the car by using many wraps of mechanics’ wire. But nobody wanted to be around when we were done and had to cut the wire – next session. As usual, some parts were missing and we’ll need another session to finish the assembly. Bernie needed some weld-thru primer to coat the body panel, but the aerosol can would not spray. Nate got a pail and can opener; Tim punctured the spray can and captured most of the paint in the bucket, which Bernie then brushed on. The only blood this day was from Dale’s thumb – no stitches required. Chris and Dale changed the protective film on the inside of Nate’s sandblast cabinet so next time the guys can see what they’re cleaning. March 1 members of the Ohio Valley Austin Healey club Tech team assisted club member Nate Fuson with the continuing resurrection of his recently acquired MGB rubber bumper in the process of being converted to a Chrome bumper. Front end team Dale Ballinger and Chris Wolfer led by Tim Ross, installed new springs and completed front suspension renewal as well as some engine work. Bernie Grabow and Nate worked on fabricating a lower rear fender repair panel using a donor fender. To be continued



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The forecast showed one day without rain and relative warmth to take the new exhaust system in the car with the top down. On short notice, Scott Brown, Ken Campbell, and Richard Pratt showed up Sunday 10:00am at Scott’s garage to put take off the old system and install the new. After a general underbody inspection using Scott’s lift, we went at it. The old muffler was split in two. The pipes were okay, but I had the whole new set so we took them off.



Installation was the reverse (pretty much) of disassembly. Time was spent to make sure the pipes didn’t rub the body or would vibrate. We overtightened the new clamps and stripped them so the more robust old clamps went back on. Inspection for leaks required some additional tightening of clamps. There were some nuts in hard to reach places that slowed things down. But all in all there was little drama.

Drove the car home and was amazed at how quiet and composed the car behaved.

Looking forward to driving season.  
John Wallace