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NEWSLEAK

July 2022

June Minutes



OVAHC June 2022 Meeting Minutes

Thirty-three members attended the meeting on Saturday, June 18 at the home of Charlene and Jerry Cox in Batavia, OH. It started at 2:20 when President John Jacobs called the meeting to order. He thanked our hosts, especially thankful they provided a breezy and sunny day with only upper 70 degree weather.

President John Jacobs, President Jeff, Vice-President Scott, Secretary Dale, Web Site Administrator Don, Historian John Parrott, and Membership Sandy had no report. Treasurer Cindy and Activity Activator Skip were not present.

Treasurer Cindy sent her report. Since the 5/14 meeting hosted by Gary/Patti Rettig. Account activity: credit Split-the-Pot \$40 and debit June meeting hosts: \$75 so our balance is solvent. Tech Team balance: \$2,127.97 for now.

Activity Activator Skip, via email, asked who was going to the Bellfountain Hill Climb on August 27. Mistery Duffey, Parrott, Klein, Porada, Jackson, Jake Jacobs are able and willing. Two OVAHC members won prizes at the Concours d'Elegance at Ault Park last Sunday. Chad Donner won an award of distinction for his beautiful Austin-Healey and Joe Schreibeis also won one for his MGTC.

John Wallace has plans for the June overnight drive to Stanton, VA. John will email the 4 couples going with caravan details. Check the Newsleak and its calendar for details and for all other activity questions, contact Skip. Tech Director Tim reported the sessions to remove the engine and install a Nissan tranny in Denny Lindauer's bugeye Sprite went well. Ken Campbell, Tim Ross, Richard Pratt, Skip Jackson, and Dale Ballinger helped Denny in one way or another. His car is back on the road and running and shifting GREAT! Call or email Tim for advice, info on how to help, or to request a session.

Delegate / Business Manager Jake Jacobs: Conclave 2023 is in late May at Crystal River, Florida. Jake proposed that our club send the electronic Newsleaks to Dave Roberts with the Miami Valley AH Club. That club is struggling and the intent is to let Dave forward things to his club as he sees fit, to communicate with them and let them know they are invited to participate in our activities as guests. This is not an invitation for them to join our

June Minutes (Cont)

club. Vote taken and it passed.

Old business: September Roundup co-chair, Rosalee Campbell mentioned all four of the co-chairs touched base to firm up responsibilities and answered questions with all the sub-committees. She developed a list of their needs and obtained their contact information.



The items for the basket raffle will be collected by Mary Ann during the August meeting at the Grabow house. We need members to loan five large coolers to the Jacksons for the hospitality room. She has a sign-up sheet for this, since we all like cold beer and soft drinks.

Rosalee has received seven registrations, but only a couple from OVAHC. She gave several members present blank ones to fill out. (Now is the time to sign up and pay) Mary Ann will accept cash donations to allow her to put a big dollar gas card in a basket for raffling off. Don Klein will post our registration form on the web site. Please collect donations and deliver to the committee at a meeting or event or make arrangements. If you find a sponsor for a part of the show, please come forward with the contact information. If you have one or have questions her email is rrmc4344@aol.com and her home phone is 513-368-6164.



New Business: The next OVAHC meeting is the annual OVAHC picnic at the home of Donna and Chris Wolfer in Alexandria, KY. The date is Saturday July 23 and arrive anytime after 12 noon for snacks, drinks, and swimming in the pool if you bring a suit and a towel. The meeting will follow at

1:30 and then the cookout afterwards. Chris had a sign-up sheet for folks to bring side dishes, desserts, or appetizers. The club provides burgers, brats, plates etc, drinks, and snacks.

Lauren Wallace sold the split-the-pot tickets. Host Charlene Cox drew and Tim Ross won \$42 and the club keeps \$43. President John Jacobs thanked Charlene and Jerry Cox for hosting and then adjourned the meeting.



Submitted by OVAHC Secretary, Dale Ballinger

Daughter to Father:

"Dad, there is something my boyfriend said to me that I didn't understand. He said that I have a beautiful chassis, lovely airbags and a fantastic bumper," the 16-year-old said.

Father's response:

"Tell your boyfriend that if he opens your bonnet and tries to check your oil with his dipstick, then I will tighten his nuts so hard that his headlights will pop out and he will start leaking out of his exhaust pipe!"



After the OVAHC meeting, President Jeff Porada gave a nice summary of the 6,000+ mile trip he and Nancy Bacon made in May in their yellow Bugeye A-H Sprite to completely cover all of historic Route 66 starting from Chicago IL. They traveled with Jake and Joyce Jacobs (2015 Miata) who met them in Springfield IL. The trip went SW to the Santa Monica, CA pier then north up the Pacific Coast Highway through San Francisco and northern California to the Redwood forests. Then NE cross country via I-80 and I-74 home without any troubles.

OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART

HOW TO INTERPRET

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ANTIQUUE CAR ADS

IF IT SAYS:	IT REALLY MEANS:
Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more

ROMEOS had a very large crowd at Quaker Steak and Lube...21



Caught in the act



Concours d'élégance—
OVAHC corral
9/12/22

Meetings

July—Picnic at Wolfers

August: - Grabow

Sept.—September Roundup

October: Lindauer

Nov. Jake Jacobs

December: Dining out—TBA

Calendar

JULY - Field trip to Antique Boat Show at Indian Lake (CMS)*

JULY 23—Picnic/meeting at Wolfers's

AUGUST 14—Meeting at Grabow's

AUGUST—Bellefontaine Hill Climb revival*

SEPTEMBER 8-10 – September Roundup

'SEPTEMBER 18-22 - Conclave in Poconos

OCTOBER 8—Autumn Classic Driving Tour CMS

*These are events sponsored by Classic Motoring Society and if you are interested Kurt Niemeyer will have more information.

July meeting—PICNIC at Wolfers

Picnic @ The Wolfer's *Alexandria, Kentucky*

Saturday, July 23rd

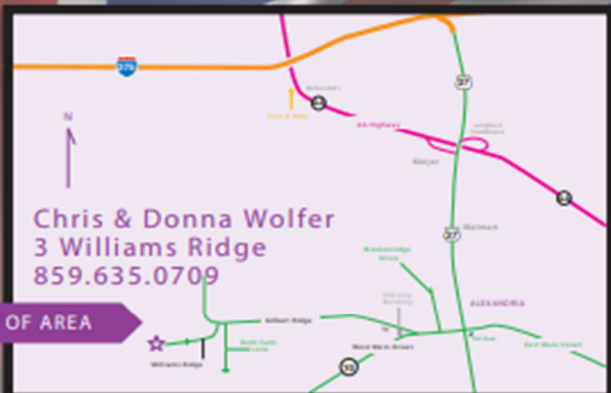
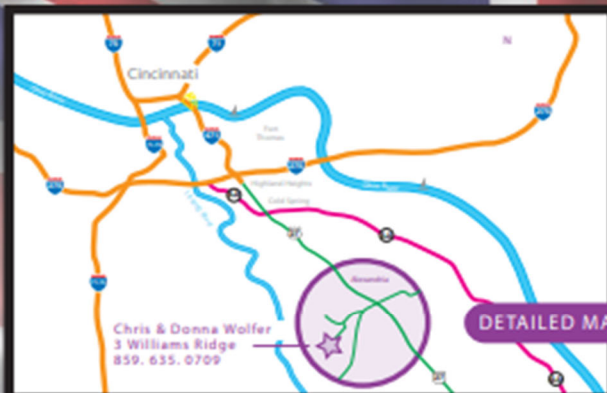


Tire kick'n starts at noon
Meeting starts around 1:30

Meat and drinks are provided by the club.

Everyone is expected to bring a dish to share...if you haven't already signed up to bring a dish, let the Wolfer's know what you plan to bring so they can keep track of the dishes being provided.

Directions to the Wolfer's



IMPORTANT NOTES: Hosts for next year's meetings and club officer nominations will still take place during the August meeting. This will be a 'regular' meeting with a picnic directly after.

There will also be a small Big Healey parts and tool giveaway of some items from the Frakes auction.

Springthing 2022

On an overcast, muggy Thursday morning, a caravan of nine cars assembled at Murphy Express in Florence, KY: Dale Ballinger in his tangerine Jensen-Healey, Sandy Ballinger driving her green Mini convertible, Scott/Eileen Brown in their blue/white BT-7, Ken/Rosalee Campbell in their green Sprite, Jerry/Charleen Cox driving their white MGB, Skip/Joan Jackson in their Bugeye Sprite "Happy", Gayle/Cindy Loos driving their red Corvette, John/Lauren Wallace in their green 100-6, and Joe/Judy Yannone driving their green Healey Sebring.

As we followed US 42 to US 127 South to US 62 West, we passed through small Americana Kentucky towns—Glencoe, Owenton, Monterey, Chaplin, Bloomfield--imprinted with iconic late 19th–early 20th century buildings and homes. Stately historic county courthouses marked time in-the-round via four-sided clock towers. Clouds gave way to a powder blue sky and a solar awakening amping up temps to an ultra-warm 86. Senses were teased with floral scents and pops of rainbow-hued blossoms dotting the Spring countryside. Miles of verdant foliage and fields scrolled by on winding roads. Arriving in Frankfort, we stopped for lunch at Cook Out. Ordering proved a daunting task, figuring out orders from the most complicated fast food menu ever!

Resuming travel, intermittent anemic sun breaks gave all some momentary heat relief, but ominously thick, grey gathering clouds segued to a darkened sky. Dots of rain were soon followed by a torrential downpour highlighted with flashes of light and rumbling sounds. Slightly before that deluge, a welcoming driveway at an impressive two-story estate accommodated all nine vehicles. (Wonder what the residents thought at the sight of a scurrying bunch amidst all that British metal?!) Lots of swift action commenced with speed records broken for the totally drenched BT-7, 100-6 and Sebring top assemblers. The final four miles to the Bardstown Holiday Inn Express host hotel were slow going due to more sporadic drenching downpours. It was a welcoming sight to be greeted by the Bluegrass family, Healeys en masse, and dry conditions.

That evening, at Hospitality, all gathered for buffet sandwich dining and desserts. Throughout the event, generous selections of snacks, sweets, spirited and non-spirited libations were available. The evening activity commenced with Bob Thurman's World of Funkhana. This brainchild of Bob's tested participants' visual, spatial and fine motor skills, along with strategy and dumb luck. Tasks included fishing ("fishing"?) with a magnetic pole to snatch numbered fish, darts thrown in Bob's spare tire hub, balls pitched in a Healey valve cover, and cards tossed through a Healey grill. All Funkhana objectives checked off: Challenging, frustrating, amusing and entertaining. No tyre kicking in the

parking lot later as waves of rain and worrisome hail mix arrived. (No damage reported.) Friday was a “tour on your own”, along with the option of a unique 55-mile ralleye, sans gimmicks and questions, compliments of its creator, Dr. John Rice. He mapped scenic highways and byways with sites included. His ralleye tour info highlighted places of interest along the way—KY Railway Museum tours, Makers Mark Distillery, My Old Kentucky Home and Gethsemani Abbey and Cemetery. Names of numerous knobs prominent in this Knob Region were also noted. The only ralleye requirement was to submit a photo, taken along the drive with the car and local scenery or buildings. (Many clever, interpretive photos were shown at Awards evening.) Others visited Jester’s Winery for alfresco lunch dining (delish), with mind-wandering views of undulating hillsides and valley, and a breezy sea of wavy grasses.

That evening we gathered at the nearby Heaven Hill Bourbon Experience Center for the banquet. This year-old state-of-the-art facility features gallery tours, a theater, exhibits, gift shop and tastings. At the very popular and immense Five Brothers Bar, lots of Healey folks queued up to sample numerous aged/proof bourbon brands, among those, Elijah Craig Single Barrel--18 yrs.old/90 Proof and Larceny Ky Straight Bourbon 6 yrs.old/ 92 Proof, served as you like--neat, on the rocks, or mixed. Certainly no lack of bourbon evaluators and enthusiasts!

Saturday was another “tour on your own” until the afternoon Car Show. Some folks explored Bardstown shops, museums like Oscar Getz Whiskey Museum and bars/restaurants (i.e. late 18th century Talbott Tavern). A group traveled 45 miles from Bardstown to Danville to tour this historically preserved town and attend the Corvette Show at Wilderness Trace Distillery. Three hundred Vettes of all generations--original, modified, and tricked out, were spread throughout the Distillery grounds. Threatening storms curtailed Danville touring, hastening a return to the hotel to ready for the Car Show. Thankfully, skies remained clear for the two dozen cars on display for voting. Later, everyone had plenty of restaurant choices nearby for “dinner-on-your-own”, prior to that evening’s awards, auction results and split-the-pot drawing (Thank You, Bev!), at Hospitality.

SpringThing Award Winners received a bottle of Evan Williams Bourbon for each win:

Best of Show: Jerry and Peggy Spurlock

Award of Excellence for Convertibles: Jerry and Peggy Spurlock

First Place SOB: Dale Ballinger

Third Place Funkhana: Dale Ballinger



Dale getting his trophy

Later that evening, well after parking lot tyre kicking had retired, the heavens opened up with a strong torrential soaking. Fortunately, wet threats had moved on by Sunday morning departure time. Dry, overcast skies and cooler temps made the drive home a reasonable one.

The fine Bluegrass Club hospitality capped yet another memorable celebration of Healeyphiles enjoying each other’s company, while sampling Kentucky’s best small towns, and Bardstown, Capital of the Bourbon Trail. Kudos and Cheers to all our exceptional SpringThing hosts!

Springthing 2022

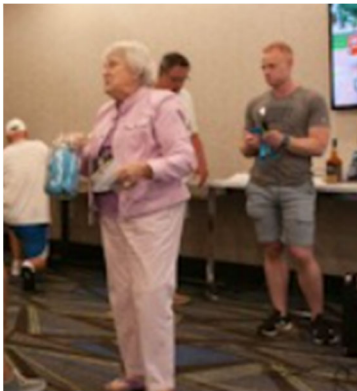


Campbell Sprite L-R Ken Campbell, Kevin and Cynthia Livingston



Spurlock Best in Show Healey and Gary Brierton

Bev
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Livingston Healey at Heaven Hill Distillery



Car show in the parking lot



Registration Form
September 8-11, 2022
 "Covered Bridges and Small Towns USA"
 Hosted by the Ohio Valley Austin-Healey Club

Please complete and return the Registration Form with payment and make your hotel reservations at the Hilton Garden Inn, 6288 Tri Ridge Blvd., Loveland, Ohio 45140, Phone: 513-576-6999 and ask for the Ohio Valley Austin-Healey Club rate for the following rates per night: \$109.00 to \$114.00 (plus taxes) \$50 pet fee Private parking and wash area behind hotel. Cash Bar in Lobby. Swimming pool indoor. Outdoor patio. Hotel Reservations/cancellations by **Friday, August 19, 2022.**

Name: _____ Guest Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Car 1 Include Model and Year: _____

Car 2 Include Model and Year: _____

Club Affiliation: _____





Early Registration: \$80.00 for 2 people Deadline **August 12, 2022** \$ _____

Late Registration: \$90.00 for 2 people \$ _____

Awards Banquet Buffet: \$40.00 per person _____ X \$40.00 \$ _____

Shirt Order:

Deadline: **August 5, 2022** Shirts embroidered with the September Roundup 2022 logo.

		Women's Sport-Tek Polo \$32.00:	Size: S M L XL	Black	Blue	\$ _____
		Women's Long Sleeve Tee \$20.00	Size: S M L XL	Black	Blue	\$ _____
		Men's Sport-Tek Polo \$32.00:	Size: S M L XL	Black	Grey	\$ _____
		Men's Long Sleeve Tee \$20.00:	Size: S M L XL	Black	Grey	\$ _____

**Total Amount Due \$ _____

**Make checks payable to:

****Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club or OVAHC**

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