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NEWSLEAK

APRIL MEETING

May 2024



April_OVAHC Meeting Minutes

Nineteen members attended the monthly meeting on Sunday, April 21 at the Lindauer home in Walton, KY on a chilly afternoon. President Scott Brown called the meeting to order around 3:15 and thanked Jo and Denny for hosting. (applause) Special guest was Lydia, their granddaughter.

March minutes were approved as published. Mary Ann and Secretary Dale had no reports. Vice Presidents Wallace, Historian John Parrott, Activity Activator Skip, Tech Director Tim, Membership Rosalee, and Editor Web Administrator Don were away.

Cindy read Membership Rosalee's report which said we have 51 OVAHC / national members plus 4 OVAHC / MVAHC multi-club national members. We have 2 honorary members and 10 local only members. Total members are now 67 plus all spouses and family members.

Treasurer Cindy gave her report. Since the 3/23/24 meeting at the Wallace house: credits for split the pot \$60. Debits of \$75 Lindauer 4/21/24 meeting, drivers' training 2024 insurance fees of \$544 for total of \$619. Current balance is good. Opening tech team balance \$1519.39. Tim Ross sold four clutch and door bolt kits for total of \$200, TT current balance \$1719.39. Cindy has OVAHC business cards to hand out if you want some.



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APRIL MEETING Continued

Dale gave a short activity report. The April 6 visit to Collection 21 in Erlanger, KY had 20 people attending. We then went to Mackenzie River Pub for a late lunch. On Saturday, May 11 is a unique three-hour car show called "Wings and Wheels" at the Tri-State Warbird Museum in Batavia, OH. There is a regular car show in Waynesville, OH on July 21.

Please see the calendar. For all activity questions or comments, please contact Skip. Scott gave Tech Director Tim's recap concerning John Parrott's BT7 big Healey reassembly. A dozen of us got some things done. We also enjoyed the chili (thanks John) and the distribution of the new tech team hats. (thanks Tim) Tim still has one more \$40 clutch slave cylinder bleeder kit for sale. He had Scott bring 4 more (king pin) trunnion bearing kits. Gayle Loos, Bernie (for Ben) Grabow, and Bob Duffey grabbed one each and will pay Tim. If you want to buy any items, need to schedule a session, have questions, or want to join in the fun, just let him know. Business Manager / Delegate Jake is on an AHCA committee to make a digital platform membership going forward, possibly in 2025. Jake reported the drivers' training session at Live Oaks in Milford on 4/13/24 was a big hit. Great day and great participation.

New business. Pat and Bob Duffey volunteered to host the September meeting. President Scott needs help with OVAHC's part of Springthing 2024. Since BGAHC just joined the Roundup rotation, OVAHC, CIAHC, and Mid-Ohio agreed to help. Therefore, he wants a helper for the rallye (he and Dale set it up and ran the route already) and we also need workers to completely run the silent auction. Scott has the printed sheets. Please contact him if you are going and can help. Scott is planning two drives surrounding "The Great Race" on Saturday June 22 and Sunday June 23. Check back for the details.

Scott participated in a dinner/business meeting with AHCA Conclave leadership. Neil Anderson asked Scott, Jake & Joyce Jacobs, Jeff Porada, plus Rosalee and Ken Campbell, to consider the feasibility of OVAHC hosting a conclave in 2026 near Lexington, KY. They listened and now Scott wants to know if our members would think about helping OVAHC chair this, and, along with other area clubs, make it happen? More open discussion is planned for the May meeting. Split-the-split-the-pot was won by Bernie Grabow for \$25 and then Jake Jacobs won part two for \$25 and the club kept \$50. (Dale & Cindy's idea)

The next meeting is at the Slater home near Waynesville, OH on Saturday, May 25 at 1 PM for tyre kicking, and 2 PM for the meeting. President Scott thanked Jo and Denny for hosting (applause) and then we went back to snacking, wine tasting, and socializing.
Submitted by Secretary Dale





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Springthing 5/16-5/19, Lexington, KY

When Bluegrass accepted the invitation to join the rotation of September Roundup by holding a "Springthing" and extending the club rotation by a year, the Indy, Columbus, and Cincinnati clubs agreed to help them with the event as they were facing people shortage. Our responsibility in this was to take care of the Rallye and the silent auction. Dale Ballinger and I have designed and documented the Rallye and Ben Moore has forwarded the silent auction bid sheets so the only thing left is I need two volunteers to handle the silent auction which entails placing items and bid sheets on the tables and at auction end collect cash and checks when people bring their bid sheets up and hand over collections to Bluegrass after verifying sheet totals against money on hand. Also, could use one volunteer to help with the rallye. Please let me know if you will help us complete our tasks.

Conclave 2026

Our club has been approached to put on a Conclave in Lexington, KY in 2026. Neil Anderson, AHCA VP Conclave, was in Cincinnati picking up a Bugeye he had purchased here and wanted the opportunity to talk to us about the Conclave possibility. The Campbell's, Wallace's, and myself were invited to meet with Neil at the Jacob's home to hear Neil's proposal and we are processing all the information offered and as this is the early stages of an idea, we want all the members of OVAHC to be aware of this idea and think about whether or not we are willing as a club to chair and support this event. We would like to have a discussion on this at our May 25th monthly meeting at the home of Jon and Debra Slater. Please think about it and plan to attend the May meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may email me with your thoughts before the meeting.

Thanks!

Scott

GYMKHANA

**Registration 9 to 10AM Live Oaks – Milford, OH 5956 Buckwheat Rd, Milford, OH 45150
July 27 (Saturday)**



Its been a long time since our last event (2021). COVID, Insurance, site issues, but like my dad said “persistence and patience pays off”.

Live Oaks finished a 3 year renovation and the site is even better for our event now. Between the operating group’s desire to have fewer events (I think our demographics has something to do with that) and Live Oaks extensive Motorcycle Training schedule, we were able to squeeze out April 13 and July 27 for us to have a little fun.

Sooooooooooooooooo.....

- Rain or Shine

Time: The main gate opens before 9:00 AM. First 20 cars - up to 25 drivers. The maximum or cut off is 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: \$30.00 per Driver – Min 8 - Max 25 drivers - spectators free!

All drivers are required to work the course when not driving. Bring chairs and a cooler - No alcohol.

Required Equipment: A safe/functioning car (we will inspect it) any make or model, Helmets are required for drivers and passengers. We have 3 loaners available.

Goal: "Fun & Family Oriented Gymkhana" Meaning - street legal tires driven to the event; No trailered cars unless they are vintage.

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, the exhaust system must 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 and like-minded people!

Questions call the Committee:

Jake Jacobs (beancounter) 513-509-6038; Don Klein (Track Master) 513-785-8484; Skip Jackson (Equipment Master) 513-720-7547; Jeff Porada/Nancy Bacon (Track Set UP & Timing Master) 513-315-8958 or E-mail me if you want to be on our update list.

jake.jacobs@fuse.net or check our web site: www.OhioValleyAHC.com

CALENDAR 2024

May 11—Wings and Wheels (Warbird Museum) (in April Newsleak)
May 16-19 Springthing Lexington, KY *QUALITY INN, 1938 STANTON WAY, LEXINGTON, KY. PRICE IS \$84.00 FOR THUR AND FRIDAY NIGHT WITH INCREASE TO \$129.00 FOR SATURDAY. 3 day total of 396.98. Mention "Bluegrass Austin Healey Club" to get rate and reserved block of rooms. (more details to come)*
May 26—car club meeting
June 9; Cincinnati Concours at Ault Park (ohioconcours.com)
June 15—Car club meeting
June 17 - 20; Frankenmuth, MI (see March Newsleak)
June 22: Great Race dinner in Lawrenceburg, IN (details soon from Scott Brown)
June 23; Great Race lunch and drive to Lancaster, OH (details soon from Scott Brown)
July 27; OVAHC Gymkhana, Live Oaks (see enclosed)
August 3—Dayton British Car Day
August 24; Bellefontaine OH Hill Climb Revival 6 (vintagestreetseries.com)
September 15; Cincinnati British Car Day, Fairfield Commons (www.bccgc.com)
September 14-20; Sheboygan, Wisconsin Conclave (www.2024conclave.com)
October 5- Fall Classic Driving Tour (vintagestreetseries.com)
October 31 - November 3; Southeastern Classic Dobson, NC
(SEC37@triadhealey.org)
December 19—OVAHC Christmas gathering at Grove Park Grille

MEETINGS 2024

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| May 25—Slater | September—Duffey |
| June 15—Campbell | October—Parrot |
| July—Cox | November—OPEN |
| August—Wolfer | December 19 - |
| (tentative) | Grove Park Grille for |
| | Christmas gathering |

JULIETTES 4/24



ACTIVITIES REPORT



We had a total of twenty car lovers come out to Collection 21 in Erlanger, KY to make a trip back in time on Saturday, April 6, 2024. We toured over 200 American built cars and trucks dating from 1900 to 1980. Plus one Rolls Royce and a Delorean. We spent a couple hours looking around. They had a one-of-a-kind two door Lincoln Continental plus many other rare cars, trucks, and fire trucks, too. The one down below was from 1939. If you did not make it, you can still come and enjoy these vintage cars for a donation of \$15 per person. Remember, 100% of the proceeds are donated to the Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky charity.



I actually invited the Queen City Coopers Mini club to join us. So there were 11 OVAHC members and 13 QCC members. With 4 of us in both clubs that equals 20. Most of us went to lunch nearby at MacKenzie River Pizza and Pub for drinks and food made with the highest quality ingredients and unique, 'scratch-made' meals served fresh every day. And an environment that embodies the spirit of the uncomplicated, refreshing and mind-clearing "Big Sky" outdoor Montana lifestyle.



Enjoying the lunch were Tim and Bobbi Ross, Larry Beasley, Jim Weckenbrock, Dan Durbin, Gary Rettig, and myself (Dale) and Sandy Ballinger. Gayle Loos, Jake Jacobs, and Bob Duffey toured the car barn but did not eat with us. Hope to see you soon, "down the road." Secretary Dale Ballinger

TECH SESSION



This was the second gathering for new suspension installation, there will be at least one more before getting a complete “rolling chassis”. We all enjoyed our NEW OVAHC Tech Team hats – making us a much more professional group. See the team photo. Tim has the hats for tech team participants who were not at this session. We are still stymied by finding the exact mix of shims to make the new roller-bearing upright on the LF have the proper

fit – the RF went okay. The differential gearing that was recently checked at the Yan-none shop went into the rear axle housing with a new gasket and sealant. As was typical throughout all the assemblies; only NEW lock washers were used, with a lot of new bolting, and liberal use of anti-seize compound on bolts, etc. The rear axle was then hefted into place, and with multiple old guys = no sprains, bruises or blood. Mounting the rear springs could have been easier if Moss hadn’t sent us 3 outer shackle links and one inner, instead of two of each. Some Dremel grinding converted one outer link to fit the inner location. Meanwhile most of the front suspension teams made substantial progress with bushings, A-arms, links, cross bolts, etc. The next session may use the to-be-relocated Pratt hydraulic press to more easily seat the front bearings. Ross still recommends the use of dry ice for its’ -100 deg. F. temperature to chill the bearing races before installation into hubs.



JULIETTES FOR LUNCH



Lunch on 3/27 at Grove Park Grill
(where we are having our Christmas party). Food was really good, and company was great—notice no stray “men” in this picture guys!

ROMEO LUNCHEON 4/17



Grove Park



GYMKHANA 4/13

Ohio Valley AHC held its 1st Gymkhana since 2021 on Saturday April 13.,

The multi-year renovation at the Live Oaks yielded an even better venue and we really lucked out on the weather... It was beautiful.

We had 15 paying drivers and numerous OVAHC non drivers show up to help out. The field had 2 Bugeye's, '76 Porsche 914, a new fancy BMW, anew Fancy Toyota GR86 and 5 different Miata's.

For having a 3 year layoff, everything went well. We arrived at 9 AM and were running at 10:30. Everyone got 6 runs and we were on our way to Frische's for lunch by 1:30.

A special thanks to those OVAHC members who spent this beautiful Saturday morning just to help;

Nancy Bacon – Timer, Laura Niemeyer – Vanna, Kurt Niemeyer – Equipment/cones storage and set up, Tim Ross - starter, Bobbi Ross - Waiver and money collector; Bob Duffey – Stager, Jerry Cox (and the men in his family.. sons, grandson and brother) – Setup

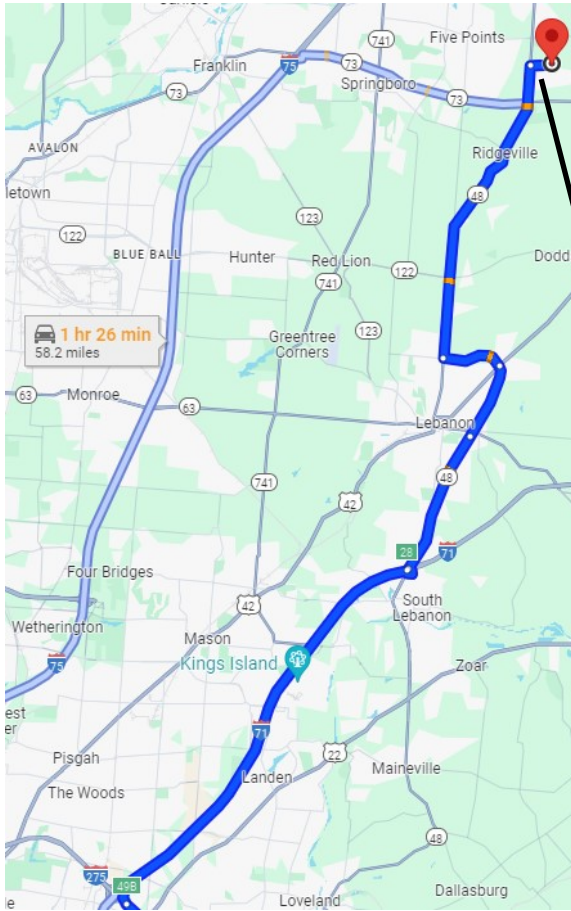
Members who worked and ran.. Skip Jackson – setup, Jeff Porada – Tack design/setup, John Jacobs – Setup, me (Jake Jacobs) – Irritant

Ashley, Ella and Bobby Jacobs showed up to cheer on Daddy and PaPa... As well as took a couple of parade laps.

All had a good time and looking forward to July 27.... Follow this link for some great Pics from Mike Szaz... <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4yxro1UGgENMD6mD8>



MAY MEETING 5/25-Slaters



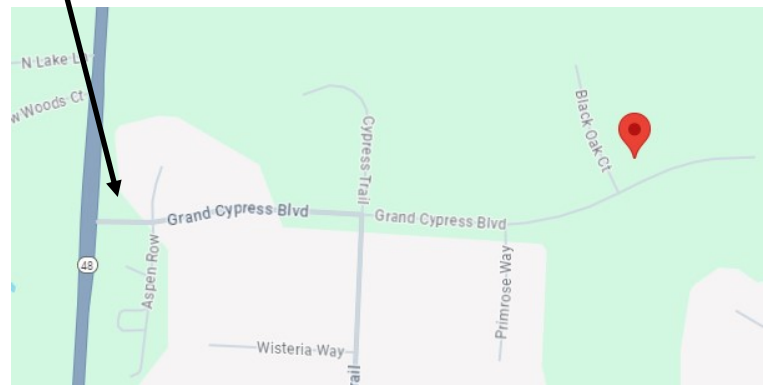
8540 Black Oak Ct,
Waynesville, OH 45068

Kick tires at 1:00 (with
BBQ lunch)

2:00 meeting

Drive up R48 or up I75 to Slaters

951 897 5002 /937 673 3312



Jon mentioned that there is a special air museum 6.1 miles from his house that is worth visiting. So, since this is a trip, we might as well make it more interesting. I am asking you to consider putting this in your GPS and show up at 11:30 AM for this small free museum. It features the history of the Wright Brothers and the airplanes that got it all started. If you can, try to bring your Healey. The "white bird" replica is housed at the Dayton Wright Brothers Airport. The museum (and hangar) address is: 10550 N. Springboro Pike Miamisburg, OH 45342. It is close to I-75 and is located on OH-741. Then at 12:30 when they close, we can motor the 6.1 miles and 12 minutes to the Slater home.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/XSr96qXF6pK3WJyq6> is a link for directions from there to Slaters.





Name _____

Guest _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Car 1 _____ Car 2 _____

Club Affiliation _____

Is this your first SpringThing? YES NO

_____ Registration - \$85 (includes two adults)

_____ Banquet at the Kentucky Horse Park - \$52/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 - Thursday rate: \$84, Friday/Saturday: \$129

(request Austin-Healey Club rooms)

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