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NEWSLEAK

MAY MEETING

June 2024



May_OVAHC Meeting Minutes

Thirty-three members attended the monthly meeting on Saturday, May 25 at the home of Jon & Deborah Slater near Waynesville, OH on a warm, mostly sunny afternoon. President Scott Brown called the meeting to order around 2:10 and thanked Jon and Deborah for hosting with brisket and BBQ.

(applause) Special guest was Michelle, Hazel Klein's daughter from Texas. The club sang a rousing version of "happy birthday" to Rosalee Campbell and Bernie Grabow. April minutes were approved as published. President Scott, Newsleak Editor Mary Ann, Vice Presidents Wallace, Historian John Parrott, Membership Rosalee, Web Administrator Don, and Secretary Dale all had no reports.

Treasurer Cindy gave her report. Since the Lindauer on 4/21/24: credits for split the pot \$50, 4/13 gymkhana \$450, \$15 rebate from AHCA, totals \$515. No debits to report. Current balance is good. Opening tech team balance \$1519.39. TT current balance is \$1719.39. Cindy has OVAHC business cards to hand out if you want some.

Skip went over the calendar of activities. On Saturday, May 11 Scott and Joe Yanonne attended the car show called "Wings and Wheels" at the Tri-State Warbird Museum in Batavia, OH. President Scott helped with OVAHC's part of BGAHC's Springthing 2024 by hosting the Friday morning "Roundup Rallye" and the silent auction. OVAHC took 5 Healeys. Sunday, June 9 is Concours d'Elegance. Meet at 8:30 at First Watch for breakfast in Rookwood Commons. OVAHC caravan leaving about 9:30 for the corral parking. The fee is \$45 at the gate, and then it opens at 10:00 AM.

Monday, June 17 we go to Frankenmuth, Michigan. Leaving Speedway on



<http://OhioValleyAHC.com>

MAY MEETING Continued

Hamilton Avenue, Route 127 near I-275. 11620 Hamilton Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45231 Meet at 8:45 to leave at 9AM.

Saturday, June 22 is lunch / dinner with the Great Race folks in Lawrenceburg. (see separate article) Bob Thurman wants a NON-car show in Waynesville, North Carolina on Thursday, August 1-4. He picked a hotel, and the rest is unplanned. If you want a drive, go. Want a show, meet up somewhere and so on. (Look for details soon) For all activity questions or comments, please contact Skip.

Tech Director Tim recapped visits at Campbell, Wallace, Schondelmayer, old friend and possible rejoining member - Menkhaus, and Parrott garages. (see separate article) Tim still has one more \$40 clutch slave cylinder bleeder kit for sale. 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.

Scott reported on Friday, April 25 April 25 he got an urgent Tech call from John Wallace. It seems that when he tried to pump 90 weight oil into the Healey rear end, the pump pipe end shot itself inside the "pumpkin". Since it is metallic it needed to be removed! "Doctor" Scott brought a flex camera and spotted it near the bottom plug orifice. So, they performed a pipe-oscropy with rubber gloves? but no anesthesia was required! (laughter)

Our "chief storyteller" Web Administrator Don was asked to recount a story of a trip home from an event which required a trailer. It involved Hazel's Purple Haze Bugeye after she ran it 26 times down the Edgewater Sports Park drag strip during an old Cincinnati British Car Day. (you need to attend to hear all of these interesting stories)

Business Manager / Delegate Jake is on an AHCA committee to make a digital platform membership going forward, possibly in 2025. Jake reported it should be voted on at the November AHCA delegates' meeting.

Old business: Scott participated last month in a dinner/business meeting with AHCA Conclave leadership. Neil Anderson asked us to consider the feasibility of OVAHC hosting a conclave in 2026 near Lexington, KY. Scott, Rosalee, and Lauren led a 20-minute discussion. We may ask area AHCA clubs for assistance in certain areas. When it came time to ask for volunteers, 13 hands went up. A sign-up sheet was passed around and Lauren kept a copy with 16 names on it. Adding Scott, Campbells, and Wallace's that makes 21 volunteers of the 33 present. So as of now, OVAHC is committed. The Campbells and Wallace's are volunteering as co-chairs. They will start checking venues and exploring possible dates for the OVAHC Conclave 2026. (applause)

New business. Tim and Bobbi are planning an overnight trip Wednesday, October 16-18 and possibly 19 to the Zanesville, Ohio area. Ten members so far expressed interest. (Look for details soon)

The \$145 Split-the-split-the-pot was won by Deborah Slater with her getting \$72.50.

The next meeting is at the Campbell home in Loveland, OH on Saturday, June 15 at 1 PM for tyre kicking, and 2 PM for the meeting. President Scott thanked Jon and Deborah for hosting (applause), adjourned the meeting, and then we went back to snacking, wine tasting, and socializing. Submitted by Secretary Dale





Monthly meetings of Romeo & Juliet

Juliet's met on 5/22 for lunch at P. F. Chang's. Nice group ladies



The Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club ROMEO luncheon had one Healey (again) and due to inclement weather or old age or one too many adult beverages (happy hour), I forgot to get a picture of the attendees.

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.

Soooooooooooooooo.....

- 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.

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CALENDAR 2024

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 in this Newsleak)
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 17—Drive to Zanesville (details to come)
October 31 - November 3; Southeastern Classic Dobson, NC (SEC37@triadhealey.org)
December 19—OVAHC Christmas gathering at Grove Park Grille

MEETINGS 2024

June 15—Campbell
July—Cox
August—Wolfer
(tentative)

September—Duffey
October—Parrot
November—OPEN
December 19 -
Grove Park Grille for
Christmas gathering

TECH SESSION



On Thursday, May 2, 2024, six members of the OVAHC tech team met at the Loveland, Ohio garage of Ken and Rosalee Campbell for a “spring tune-up” session on their BRG Sprite. Attending were Skip Jackson, Richard Pratt, Tim Ross, Paul Schondelmayer, and John Wallace. Ken had the parts, tools and oils ready along with the list of items to be done, so the team got the car up on jack stands, wheels off and people over and under the car after quick cups of coffee and donuts. Paul dove under the dash for a wiring or gauge repair, Tim got under the car for an oil and filter change. We then pulled the spark plugs and did a compression check - all good at about 170 psi. Tim cleaned the plugs and reinstalled them. Ken had the chassis lube chart, so John and Tim went around to all the Zerk nipples and gave each a few pumps of fresh grease. We then got to the brakes, and after a previous month-long series of work on the Wallace Healey, John was now the expert lead. With Paul having the chore to pump the brake pedal, and Tim having to try to keep the master reservoir full, Ken and John went around to each corner and bled the brakes. It took two complete circuits of

the car to flush out all air and old fluid, used up a quart of DOT 3 fluid, and the pedal may still not be as solid as we like – road testing to follow, and maybe a future master cylinder replacement. Tim then tried to clean the spilled brake fluid off the paint. Richard looked at the carbs and linkage on Pauls’ MGA since he did not choose to fiddle with the Sprites’ Weber. We then had a good lunch and beverages thanks to Rosalee, and we went home before it got too hot.



On Saturday, May 4, 2024, five members of the OVAHC Tech Team met at the classic-filled garage of former and future OVAHC member Doug Menkhous. Along with S.U. carburetor experts Richard Pratt and Paul Schondelmayer was Skip Jackson, Gary Rettig, and Tim Ross, along with photographer-for-the-day Bobbi Ross. We were all there to try to fit a pair of S.U. carbs to the early-50’s MG-YA single-carb saloon car to have the 1250 cc engine make 8 more horsepower like the -YT convertible variant. Doug had a used dual carb and intake manifold that we intended to swap after cleaning and rebuilding the carbs. So Paul, Richard and Gary started by carefully disassembling the dual carbs, keeping the front and rear parts separate. Tim cycled the old, dirty parts through Doug’s ultrasonic parts cleaner, using Purple Power cleaner/degreaser, to make the parts like new. Once the “new” carbs were separated from the replacement intake manifold, it (the manifold) was compared to the carb and manifold arrangement currently on the car and some fit issues were found. If the new manifold were to be used, it would interfere with the existing exhaust manifold – and there was not a new exhaust manifold that mated with the dual carbs. Doug will consult with other MG experts and try to sort out the issue and/or find a workable pair of manifolds for the dual carbs. But the existing single carb was disassembled somewhat and cleaned and checked so at least for now it runs well for current activities. Doug is still working (!) so he has a lot to do to keep up with his other classic Ferrari, DeLorean, and Model T Ford cars in his collection.





On Wednesday, May 22, the OVAHC Tech Team drove over hill and dale to get to the John Parrott garage for another suspension installation session, the third in this series. The team consisted of Messrs. Pratt, Wallace, Schondelmayer, Ross, Campbell, Cox, Grabow, Ballinger, and Parrott. We immediately divided up into teams, based on the last session, and went to work installing the new parts. Campbell and Ross on the rear springs and shocks; Grabow, Scholdelmayer, Cox, and Ballinger on the left-front kingpin bearing shim pack, etc.;



and John Wallace on John's other Healey 3000 rear brake adjustments. Later, the LF suspension crew transitioned to the RF and finished up the springs and other related items. Jerry Cox and Tim Ross then attempted to install the front hub outer bearing races using a heat gun on the hub and dry ice on the bearing race. It should have dropped in, but upon closer examination, the race was found to be way too small, i.e. the wrong size. At the rear suspension, the hubs had all the new bearings and seals installed previously, but we were missing the axle shaft O-rings and gas-kets, and the exact size bolts needed – all added to the list for next time. So we had a great chili lunch again. John's chili may be one of the reasons we get such good tech team attendance so far from most homes. After lunch Dale caught two of John's fish from the pond and released them back, while the team helped John complete his parts list for NEXT time. In sorting through the parts for the rear suspension we came across two small bearings that we



did not use – would you believe they were the exact size needed for the front hubs. If we hadn't used up the dry ice in the beer cooler we would have installed them.

Learnings for all future tech sessions: Have a sheet of paper handy at the start of each session to write down, immediately, all the needed part details for the next time. When the order comes in, unpack, and check each item off to see that the right part has been received. If you can place items in labeled boxes associated with the place on the car to be installed. When all parts are ready – call the Tech Team back.

JUNE 15 MEETING –Campbells

243 County Down Lane,
Loveland, OH
513-7749-0243 (dial 8)

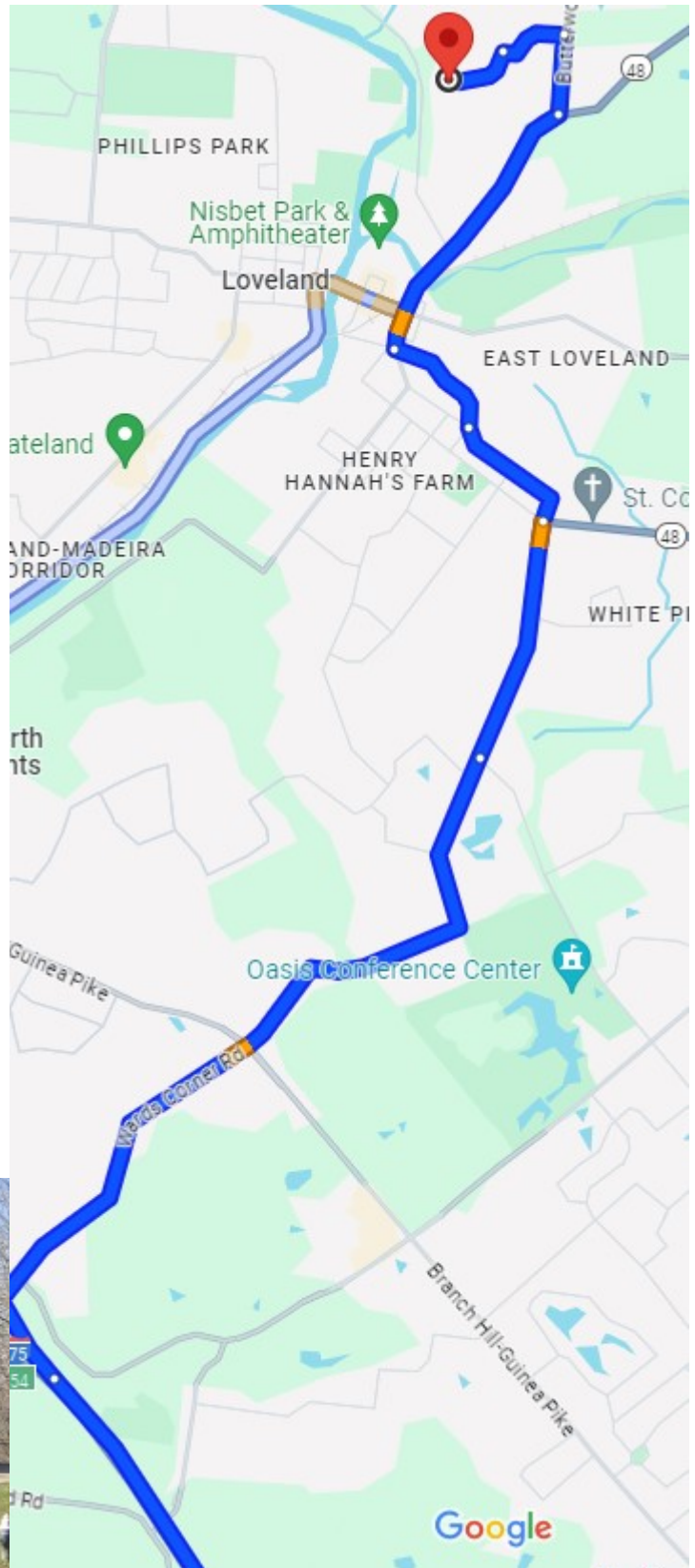
June 15

Kick tires at 1:00
Meeting at 2:00
Beer, Water, Soda
and Snacks provided
BYOB

Follow I-275 E to Wards Corner Rd in Miami Township. Take exit 54 from I-275 E

22 min (24.4 mi)

Continue on Wards Corner Rd. Take Loveland-Miamiville Rd and OH-48 N/S 2nd St/Second St to County Down Ln in Loveland



ACTIVITIES NOW & LATER



WINGS AND WHEELS

On Saturday, May 11, we had two OVAHC members show their cars at the Warbird Museum. Both Scott Brown and Joe Yannone braved the early morning rain to arrive and set up before 9 am. Bobbi and Tim Ross arrived at 10 am to view the cars and planes and get photos

SPRINGTHING 2024—Lexington



Five Healeys (2 sprites, 100-6, 3000, and a Sebring) left Frisch's (after waiting for each other at two different Frisch's) on a sunny Thursday morning for a backroads drive to Lexington for Springthing. As we were making our way to lunch at Joe Bologna's in downtown Lexington the Wallace's got separated in the traffic and the Campbell's backtracked to



find them and as a result they had lunch at Sedona Taphouse instead. We reunited at the hotel where other Healey folks were starting to arrive - it was great to see old friends again! Even the Canadians were back this year with more people! John Lomax's brother also came in his Aston Martin Vantage convertible (loved the sound of that exhaust!) with John driving his late model Miata.

Thursday evening hospitality featured a barbecue dinner and arranging and tagging the 60 silent auction items that everyone brought.



Friday was the Ohio Valley Rally day conceived by Scott Brown and Dale Ballinger - the rain gods had not been appeased as a very light rain continued most of the day. 15 intrepid explorers braved the elements, answered most of the questions, and thoroughly enjoyed the back country roads where the horses were right next to the road and would wander over to greet the cars going by. The rally ended in Midway, KY that is a quaint old tourist town with great restaurants and where train tracks bisect the Main Street. We were even treated to a train that rumbled through during lunch. Friday evening was more hospitality, the rain stopped, and dinner was on our own - most everyone seemed to wind up at Sendona Tap House.

Saturday was a dry, sunny, and warm! Joe Yannonne unfortunately had to leave for home as both of his knees became inflamed Friday night. The car wash was the most popular spot in the morning and people headed to the Kentucky Horse Park around 2:30 for the car show in a reserved area of the visitors parking lot. The car show on an hot parking lot soon saw everyone on chairs under the close trees where a cool breeze was blowing. We were treated to two mounted park police on very well trained huge horses. They were happy to pose for pictures with the cars and even offered to position themselves between the cars for a better shot! They brought the horses by in front of the cars and backed them into the open parking spot between the cars. Who knew horses had a reverse gear!

Our badges got us access to the International Horse Museum and a lot of the grounds around the visitors center. Our banquet was a wonderful Kentucky buffet featuring fried chicken, miniature hot browns, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, and really good bread pudding with bourbon sauce to pour over it. The rally awards (personalized bottles of bourbon) were presented at the banquet with first place going to the team of John Lomax and Robbie Cook. Second place went to Bob and Melanie Haskell from Central Indiana with third place going to Bill Wilding and Bernie Lamp from Bluegrass.

After everyone got back to the hotel, hospitality opened back up for continued bidding on the silent auction items and awarding the car show trophies (also custom bourbon bottles - large, medium, and small for the different place awards). Our group got some awards this time with Ken and Rosalee Campbell getting first place for Sprites, John and Lauren Wallace received second place for Roadsters, and Jerry and Peggy Spurlock received best of show award (biggg bottle). Silent auction closed and Bev Frazier announced the split the pot winners - there were 3 drawings! Many thanks to the Campbell's and Wallace's for taking care of the silent auction and the many attendees that brought items producing around \$900 for Bluegrass club.

We left Sunday morning at 9am under clear skies and temps in the high 60's and all made it home safely before the temp got to 80. Only mishap on the way was a turkey buzzard eating roadkill in the middle of the road - when he saw the Campbell's sprite approaching, he decided to take off in the direction of the Sprite which was a fatal move as he met the front bumper - and then there was two roadkill's in the middle of the road.



Activities—now and future cont.

Saturday, June 22 event for OVAHC:

The "Great Race" cars are going to stop overnight in Lawrenceburg, Indiana at the Doubletree Hotel along the Ohio River. The antique cars are driving from Kentucky to Maine! visit <http://www.greatrace.com> for more info.

Saturday, 6/22 meet at "4Speed on 50s" diner, 479 West Eads Parkway, Lawrenceburg, IN at 2:30pm to view the over 100 antique cars go by on their way from Owensboro, KY to the overnight stop at the Hilton Doubletree in Lawrenceburg. The cars are on a 5 day TSD Rally which will end in Gardiner, Maine. The cars will start out from Owensboro 1 minute apart so the parade going past the diner could be almost 2 hours. If you want to look at the cars up close, head into downtown Lawrenceburg and park near the Hilton - cars should be in the covered garage. Queen City Coopers and Greater Cincinnati Miata Club will also be there. They have a small museum, gift shop, and gas station at their complex. Their Facebook site is very active with cars that are to see, or be seen in as many car clubs' parade on in. It's been a "destination" for car lovers."



They said they could fit us in, no reservations accepted, and they do have outdoor seating. (hope for good weather) We should arrive possibly at 2:30 PM to watch the cars go by. I am asking the planners for their schedule, so I will know more in June. Maybe bring folding chairs & binoculars? It is next to Wendy's across from the power station. Look for the chrome "trailer" dining restaurant.

Car museum: Adult Admissions: \$7 Veterans (with military ID) and individuals under 18: \$5

It looks like the Great Race cars will arrive one-by-one due to it being a T.S.D. rally. Due to this open schedule, feel free to make your own plans if you want to wait until dinner time when they are all stopped. Find your own way here, and no extra drive is planned. Any questions, email, or call Secretary Dale.

Activities—now and future cont.

Thirteen OVAHC members paid a visit to the small museum at the Dayton Wright Brothers Airport before the May meeting which was held on Saturday, May 25 at the [Jon](#) and Deborah Slater home outside of Waynesville, OH. The museum featured the history [about](#) the Wright Brothers with photos, videos, and period memorabilia. They have two modern FAA worthy metal replicas of the aircraft that got it all started. [Plus](#) we saw two Ford Model T cars in excellent running condition.



Skip & Joan Jackson saw the "white bird" flying! ^

Judy & Paul Schondelmayer *piloting* the "brown bird" --->



Attending was Bob & Pat Duffey, Denny & Jo Lindauer, Dale & Sandy Ballinger, Nancy & John Cusick, Stephen Street, Judy & Paul Schondelmayer, and Joan & Skip Jackson.

On Wednesday and Thursday, May 8 & 9, the Rosses led Ken Campbell in John Wallace's Corvette to the Zanesville area to check out OVAHC drive and attraction possibilities for October. We visited Roscoe Village in Coshocton, the Big Muskie Bucket, the Earnest Walther carving museum in Dover and a few good roads. We will probably need another drive to finalize the agenda. Sorry, Don, we did not get to your property at Salt Fork

