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NEWSLEAK

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CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE



So much to see this year at Concours, if you didn't get to go and are friends on Facebook with John Mereness, he has posted a lot of pictures on his page.



<http://OhioValleyAHC.com>

This is **June part II**. We do not have a June meeting until the 28th of June and since July is on the 12th and it is a celebration of 50 years for OVAHC, I wanted to send out a second edition. Please be sure to see the additional information in this Newsleak, Concours, July meeting on the 12th and Lauren's funeral service on June 21. I have also included a page from Dick Sipple regarding a drive. This is not a planned drive, but could be if someone wants to take the reins. With Skip's passing we will have to make plans for future drives.



Please join us for A Driving Adventure in and around the Hocking Hills State Park and Hocking State Forest. Within the park are over 25 miles of hiking trails featuring rock formations, beautiful towering cliffs, thrilling waterfalls, recess caves and deep, hemlock-shaded gorges. Lodging will be at the new Hocking Hills State Park Lodge and Conference Center. Accolades for the area include:

- Among "the 50 most beautiful places in America" according to *Condé Nast Traveler*
- Voted 2024 Best Hiking Trail in the US by readers of *USA Today*
- 2023 Forbes Best Places to Travel

[Mid-America Classic Online Registration - September 14 - 17, 2025](#)

With great sadness but wonderful memories, we announce the sudden passing of Lauren LeClaire Wallace in Cincinnati, Ohio on May 27, 2025 at the age of 73.

Born in Hyde Park on March 29, 1952 to Dr. Henri and Dorothy LeClaire, she grew up in Cincinnati, attending Anderson High School. She left Cincinnati to earn a B.A. in Biology and Chemistry in 1974 at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York. While at Skidmore, she met her future husband, John M. Wallace who were married in June 1976.

Marriage took Lauren to Winston-Salem, North Carolina where she entered a career in banking. John's corporate moves took them to Miami, Florida then fifteen years abroad in Quito, Ecuador and Madrid, Spain. They returned and settled in Cincinnati in 1996.

Although her career in banking ended with the overseas assignments, she found new passions in motherhood, in the founding exercise businesses in Quito and Madrid, and in classical music-especially playing the piano on which she excelled.

In Cincinnati, she worked for the Baldwin Piano Company and piano sales in various capacities through 2017. She was deeply involved in Cincinnati's musical arts as President and Board Member of the Cincinnati Symphony Club and a Board Member of Matinee Musicale.

Lauren's interests were not limited to the fine arts. She acquired her husband's passion for sports cars, becoming a Co-President of the Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club. She served as navigator on trips to Deadwood, South Dakota, the Poconos, the Carolinas and elsewhere in their 1959 Healey. There was also a memorable month-long adventure on Route 66 living out of the trunk of a Corvette.

Lauren and John were married for 49 years. Her sons John C. (Elizabeth) Wallace of Watkinsville, Georgia and James M. (Ansleigh) Wallace of Charleston, South Carolina blessed her with five grandchildren: John R., Hadley E., Boden C., Elliot S., and Amelia Grace Wallace. She found new passion as a grandmother and enjoyed watching them grow.

Lauren is survived by her husband, sons, grandchildren and brother Henri Robert (Laurie) LeClaire of Clearwater, Florida. She was preceded in her death by her parents, Henri and Dorothy LeClaire and her brother Andre LeClaire.

A celebration of Lauren's life will be held at Spring Grove Funeral Homes, 4389 Spring Grove Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45223, on Saturday, June 21, 2025. Friends and family are invited to gather for visitation from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM, with a memorial service beginning at 2:00 PM. A graveside service will immediately follow at Spring Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Lauren's memory to the Cincinnati Symphony Club of 3734 Broadview Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45208 or Matinee Musicale at 3299 Dry Run Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45244.



Please Note: Not shown in the obituary but will be listed in the service bulletin, there will be a celebration of life reception for Lauren after the graveside service. It will also be held at Spring Grove.

CAMPBELL MEETING IN JUNE 28

please note change in 2025 meeting—July Cox, ...September Grabow

243 County Down Lane,
Loveland, OH

513-774-0243 dial 8

June 28

Kick tires at 1:00

Meeting at 2:00

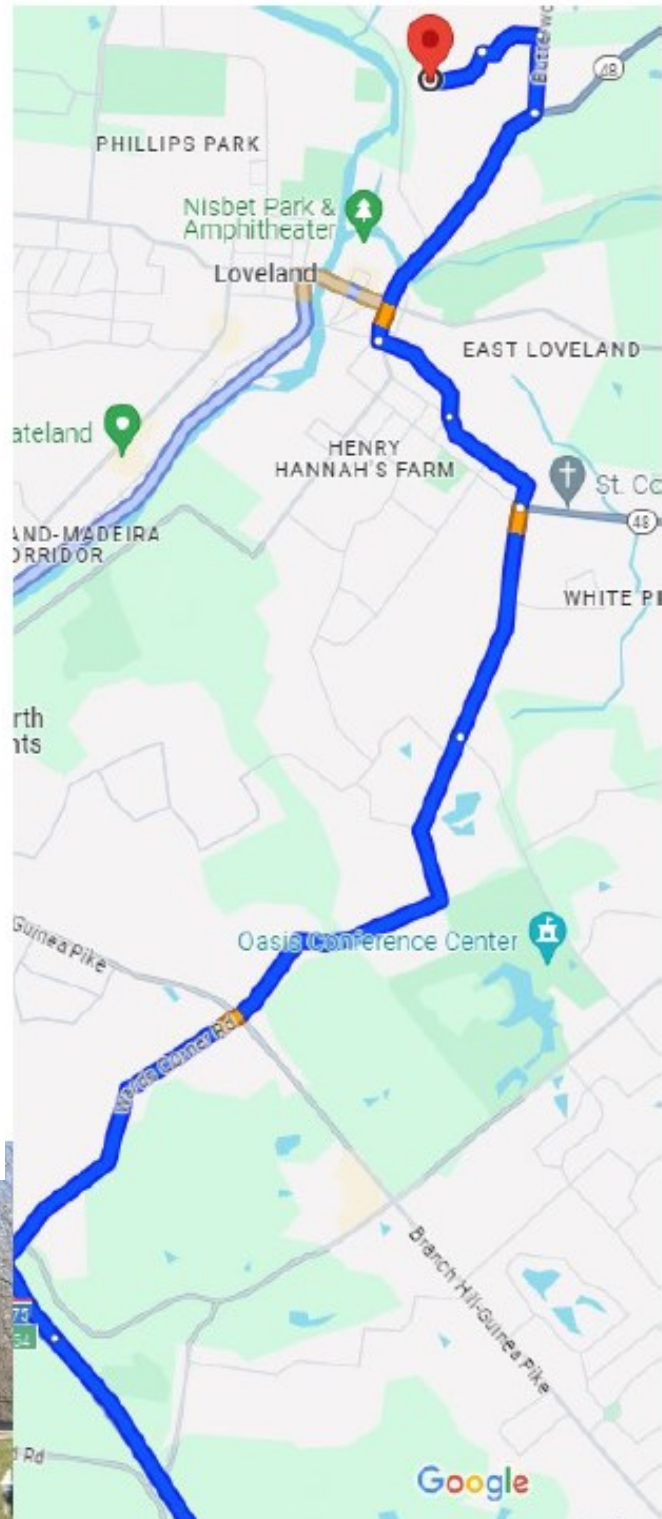
Beer, Water, Soda

and Snacks provided

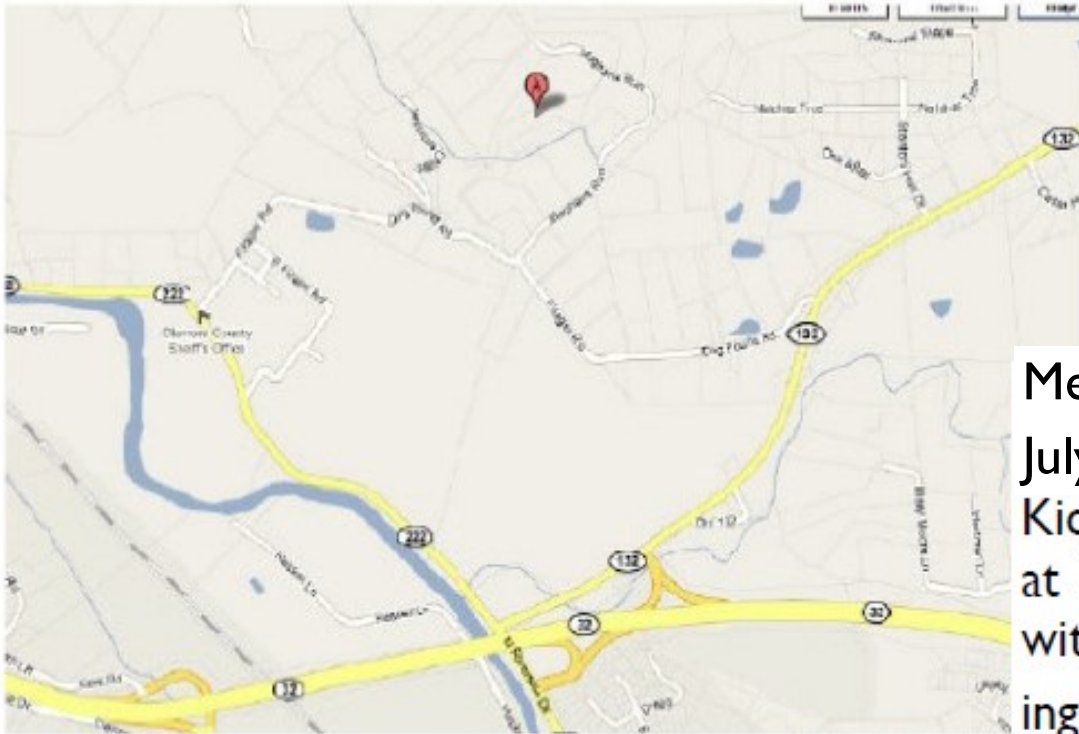
BYOB

Directions: Coming on I-275 take Exit 52 Loveland-Madeira Rd. Exit. At the bottom of the ramp turn left onto Loveland-Madeira Rd. At traffic light at Kemper Rd. (Mike's Car Wash), turn right. Kemper becomes Riverside Road. In a couple of miles at the stop sign, turn right onto W. Loveland Ave. At the second traffic light turn left. You are on Second Street SR 48. Go about one mile and turn left onto Butterworth Rd. Turn left at the Stone Entrance at the top of the hill (Brandywine Lane). Turn left at stop sign onto County Down Lane. Our house is at the end of the cul de sac.

243 County Down Lane. Park in the driveway, overflow on the street



COX MEETING JULY 12



Meeting on
July 12
Kick tires
at 1:00
with meet-
ing at 2:00.

Meeting on Saturday, July 12 . Kick tires at 1:00 with meeting at 2:00. Bring folding chairs, please.
Charleen and Jerry Cox
4571 Megan's Run Batavia, OH 45103-1224

Use your GPS but watch out for construction: If all else fails, follow detour for Route 132 NORTH and then turn left onto Filager Road, then right on Megan's Way to house # 4571 and look for the British flag.

S.R. 132/222 Roundabout - At the route's junction immediately north of S.R. 32 in Batavia. Retaining wall construction is under way, and traffic is being maintained on temporary and existing pavement on both routes in 11-foot lanes. The intersection has been closed, and northbound S.R. 132 traffic will be detoured via S.R. 32 East and the loons at Bauer Road to S.R. 32 West and the S.R. 132 interchange. Southbound S.R. 132 will be detoured via S.R. 32 West and the Olive Branch-Stonelick Road interchange to S.R. 32 East and the S.R. 132 interchange. S.R. 222 traffic will be detoured via U.S. 50, S.R. 132 and the overlapping detours on S.R. 32. The entire project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2024.

If you are coming from the north, you may consider using Route 450 exit # 59B to Route 50 to 222 south.

Then turn left on Filager Road just before the Clermont County Jail, then left on Megan's Run. This keeps you away from Route 32.

If coming from the south, you may just have to use exit # 63 B from I- 275 at Route 32 and follow the detour signs.

CALENDAR 2025

June 28—OVAHC meeting at Campbells

July 12 - You are invited to the Saturday, meeting of OVAHC. This year is our 50th year in AHCA and want some original members to attend as our guests. It is at the home of Jerry & Charleen Cox, 4571 Megan's Run Batavia, OH 45103-1224 at 1 PM to kick tyres and 2:00 PM for the meeting. We ask folks to bring chairs and BYOB for any favorite adult drinks, too. We will have a special cake to eat.

July 26—OVAHC Drivers training at Live Oaks

August 23—Bellefontaine Hill Climb Revival 7

September 14-17 Mid America Classic at Hocking Hills

Sept 18-21—Southeast Classic in Franklin, TN

(See March Newsleak for info)

October 11—Autumn Classic Driving Tour

MEETINGS 2025

June—Campbell

July—Cox

August—Wolfer

September—Grabow

October—Parrott

November—Slater

December—Christmas

SUGGESTED CAR DRIVE

Dick Sipple has shared one of his favorite car routes for a beautiful car drive.

This is something I have been thinking about for a while. Some of us just like to take the cars out and find a nice twisty bit of road and enjoy the open-air comforts of a Healey road trip. What follows is one that has evolved for me over the years of driving the Sprite thru the hills of Clermont County. What I try to do is minimize the stretches of straight open road and maximize the fun twist and turns that are all over the county. This route is convenient to me and can be accomplished in about 25 to 30 minutes for each leg. I am not interested in going fast on this trip as I have had more than my share of narrow misses in the past with both of my Bugeyes. I find that the twisty bits can be a lot of fun without going much over the speed limit. (Driving fast in a slow car.) However, coming around a corner at speed and meeting up with someone on a bicycle can be an event that could change your life forever. Just saying. So, if you're interested and you have a little time before or after the driver training this month, give it a try and let me know if you like the tree covered twisty bits. Also, if you have a favorite route that you want to share with the rest of the club, consider that also.

Starting point.

I've decided that the easiest way to get you to the starting point on this route is to give you an address and let you find it with your handy smart phone.

Punch in 511 Miami Avenue, Milford, OH. It's just outside of downtown Milford. The start of the route is Price/Loveland/Madeira Road. The 511 house is next to a vacant lot that is on the corner of a multi road intersection. Price/Loveland/Madeira runs away from the house on the right,

Or, if you'd rather just follow directions from Scarlet Oaks, see below

As you leave Scarlet Oaks, turn right at the exit and follow it till it dead ends into SR28.

Go left on SR28 and you'll drive past a bunch of commercial development.

SR28 turns into a 4-lane divided highway but stay on it past the I-275 interchange and take it down the hill on the other side.

There is a strip shopping center on the right, Brooklyn Ave is just past the shopping center.

Turn right on Brooklyn Ave, (it changes name at a turn to Center St)

Follow that down to the bottom of the hill to the stop sign.

Turn right on Miami Avenue. Follow Miami to the second stop sign and your there.

At the Stop sign, go right away from the house on Loveland Milford Rd (also Price Rd)

Take Loveland Milford Rd on a nice couple of stretches past Camp Friedlander Boy Scout camp on left until it dead ends at stop sign.

Go left (no street sign) 1.5 miles to first stop sign. (Glendale Milford Rd. (convenience store on the diagonal corner)

Left on Glendale Milford Rd for 1.7 miles.

Speed limit drops to 35 in the middle of this leg. (There is a speed monitor coming into the little town so you can use it to check the accuracy of your speedometer if you want.)

Big sweeping turn past several stone houses and just past the wood fence to Kugler Mill on the right.

Bear right after the fence but be prepared to stop as you will be crossing a bike trail in 75 feet.

Stay on Kugler Mill for 2.0 miles to Given Rd. (first stop sign)

(This is a wonderful smooth stretch of road but be very aware of bikes on those curves.)

Left on Given till it ends at Shawnee Run.

Left on Shawnee Run for about 100 yards and then right on Given Rd again.

Given Rd down the hill to the first light (50E, Wooster Pike, [Birch Restaurant](#) on the right)

This is where my little route ends, unless . . .

For extra credit there is another nice stretch of road but it's a ways away (6.3 miles). If you want to try that go left at the Wooster Pike light above and go toward downtown Milford.

At the first light, at the bridge, bear to the right (50E) and then follow it over the bridge and to the left thru downtown.

Stay on 50E thru Milford. At the intersection with the Speedway station directly in front of you, bear right to stay on 50E.

You will go 5.9 miles from the Birch Restaurant intersection, past an entrance to I-275 to a UDF a couple of miles down the road. Nice, smooth but fairly straight road.

.3 miles past the UDF you go over a bridge to Sugar Camp Road is on the left.

Turn left on Sugar Camp. Go 3.1 miles on Sugar Camp until it dead ends into SR 131.

This is a nice twisty bit of road thru a suburban neighborhood.

Turn left to go back toward Milford and I-275

I hope you enjoyed this little jaunt thru Clermont County. Because of its accessibility, it is my #1 destination when I take the Sprite out. Be safe and enjoy your Healey.



These are a few of the signs along this route—I'm sure the 15 MPH is just a suggestion.

