

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 1998

Ice Cream with HMRNP, Thursday, Oct. 8, 7:30 P.M. at I Can't Believe It's Yogurt, 70th and Van Dorn, Lincoln.

Breakfast is at the Wigwam in Wahoo, 9:00 A.M. Oct. 10.

Loess Hills Run with the Nebraska Triumph Drivers is the 11th at 1:30, at the K-Mart parking lot on Highway 6 in Council Bluffs. This is a tour of about 60 miles with a lunch break at the half-way point. Dinner will be at the Pizza King Restaurant after the drive. Those who want to caravan from Lincoln should meet at State Farm, 84th and O, at 10:00.

Fish in Union is the 30th at about 6:30.

Please remember to mark these events on your calendar, and attend if you are able.

KANSAS CITY ALL BRITISH

by John Ulrich

The more things change.....

This year was yet another exercise in masochism, as members of Flatwater and friends from HMRNP joined in the yearly assault on the one hundred degree cow pasture, known as the **Kansas City All British Car and Cycle Meet**.

As we know, much of the fun is the drive down and back with good friends, on good roads, in good cars. This year we are happy to announce that

NOBODY BROKE! (Well, technically anyway. We should create an award for the most good natured spouse, and give it to Nancy Needham. Any one who can push a "big" Healey that many times and still laugh about it must be a saint.)

The show was down in numbers this year. Possibly the heat, or no autocross, and possibly because Brother Stork keeps buying cars, but they never come back. Sounds like the Roach Motel to me. The judging classes were, once again, somewhat odd.

At times there was a three way or four way split in a class, with another three former

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classes combined into one. Unfortunately, the concours class for trailored cars was mostly a bust. Yours truly found myself with a "queen" on both sides of my Bugeye, with the woman on my right washing the undercarriage with soap and a sponge for gosh sake!. The good news is that our group took home its fair share of awards even with some potential winners left at home. I hope I get these all correct, but if not, I'm sure to hear from you.

Leo and Joann Thietje: Second in late chrome bumper MGBs.

Pat Koch: Third in MGAs.

Ron Birkland: Second in MG TC.

Steve and Tootie Witt: First in Spitfires (without so much as a fist fight).

Steve Williams: First in Lotus.

Jay Fluer: Third in Lotus.

Jim Danielson and Barbara Rixstine: Third in MGBGT.

John Ulrich: First in Bugeye Sprites.

The Stork Jag, the Marshall MGB, the Mitchelltree E-Type, and anything Ben wanted to bring were only a few of the cars our members own that "coulda been a contender". There is some concern that the bumper sticker on The Marshall's car could cost it some votes in the future. But "This car stops at flea markets" would be an accurate assessment.

From Bob Bredwell, who is still going to get to that 69 TR6:

A young guy goes out and buys one of the fastest car available in the US or Europe, a 1998 Jaguar XK8 Turbo

Roadster. It is one of the best and most expensive car in the world, and it runs him \$150,000. He takes it out for a spin and, while doing so, stops for a red light.

An old man on a moped, both looking about 90 years old, pulls up next to the Jag.

The old man looks over the sleek, shiny surface of the car and asks, "What kind of car ya got there, sonny?"

The young man replies "A 1998 Jaguar XK8 Roadster. They cost \$150,000."

"That's a lotta money!" says the old man, shocked. "Why does it cost so much?"

"Cause this car can do up to 160 miles an hour!" states the cool dude proudly.

The old man asks, "Can I take a look inside?"

"Sure" replies the owner.

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So the old man pokes his head in the window and looks around. Leaning back on his moped, the old man says, "That's a pretty nice car, alright!"

Just then the light changes, so the guy decides to show the old man what his car can do. He floors it, and within 30 seconds the speedometer reads 160.

Suddenly, the guy notices a dot in his rear view mirror. It seems to be getting closer! Suddenly, Whhhooooooooooooosssshhhhhh!

Something whips by him, going 2, maybe 3 times as fast!

The guy wonders, "What on earth could be going faster than my Turbo Roadster?"

Then, ahead of him, he sees a dot coming toward him. Whooooooooooooosh! Goes by again! And it almost looked like the old man on the moped!

Couldn't be," thinks the young guy. How could a moped outrun a Jaguar Roadster?

Again, he sees a dot in his rearview mirror! WhoooooooooshhhhhhhKa-BbbblaMMMMM!

It plows into the back of his car, demolishing the rear end. The guy jumps out and sees it is the old man! Of course, the moped and the old man are hurting for certain.

The guy runs up to the dying old man and asks "You're hurt bad! Is there anything I can do for you?"

The old man replies "Yeah. Unhook my suspenders from your side-view mirror!"

FWAHC ALL BRITISH

Implausible as it may sound, 70 British vehicles met at one place and not one of them refused to run. There were no calls to the EPA concerning the large oil spillage on 30th Street and except for a few sprinkles which fell from a renegade cloud as the sun shined, the weather was once again quite pleasant. Most importantly, **NOT ONE CAR ARRIVED ON A TRAILER!** There would have been one, but Charlie Schmidt's Royale Formula Racer had an encounter with the hay bales in Colorado and awaits repair.

The vehicles in attendance ranged from the elegant - such as Dr. Bob Stock's wonderful Jaguar Mk IX Saloon and and Randy Stejskal's Rolls Royce Silver Shadow II - to David

Petracek's classic Raleigh 10 speed touring bicycle. I guess we did say all British vehicles that were not on tracks were welcome.

Winners were:

People's Choice -

Dan Forehead, Omaha, 1960 MGA.

Diamond in the Rough -

Evan Killean, Lincoln, 1971 MGBGT.

Largest Fluid Leak -

Don Naimoli, Council Bluffs, 1964 MGB (25.5²x17.5² for a total of 446.25 Square Inches. A masterpiece!).

Distance Award -

Ken Grant, formerly of Fremont and presently of Charton, IA., 1977 MGB, 296 miles.

All winners were awarded a \$25 gift certificate generously provided by Moss Motors. Moss also provided the cardboard plaques for the cars, and a 10% discount coupon to each show entrant. Please remember to thank Moss Motors, 1-800-667-7872 when you make your next parts order. Congratulations to all winners. And Ken, we are glad you came back for the show, but next time bring Vicky along.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

There were several participants in the 6th Annual Car Show who joined the Flatwater Austin Healey Club.

They are as follow:

Eldon and Bonnie Katt, Pleasant Dale, CE74 B roadster; Gary and Debby Barton, Lincoln, CE75 MGB; Dan and Laura Forehead, Omaha, CE60 MGA; David Glabe, Lincoln, CE75 MGB, Bob and Barbara Stock, CE59 Jaguar MK IX; Steve and Kathy Bryant, Lincoln, CE71 MGB and CE77 MG Midget; Dennis Scoggins, Lincoln, CE77 MGB; Bob and Judy Olson, Lincoln, CE58 Bugeye Sprite; Marty Klein and Marilyn Michel, Elmwood, 1967 Austin Mini; and Chuck and Becky Wise, Omaha, 1976 MGB. Welcome one and all.