

# Flatwater Austin Healey Club Newsletter

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## JULY EVENTS

4th of July Party at the Marshall's!  
This event will be the same evening as the Fireworks at the Blat! Bring a covered dish, your swim wear if you want to tub it and be ready to PARTY! There may be a few extra beds if needed.

Ice Cream with Her Majesty's Royal Nebraska Patrol

### AT NEW LOCATION

the Goodrich Dairy Store, 48th and Pioneer Blvd, in Lincoln, July 8th at 7:30 P.M.

### CHANGE IN PLANS!

Breakfast at Mahoney State Park, July 24th at 9:30 A.M. There is to be a tour of the Strategic Air Command Museum following breakfast. They will provide a place for us to show the cars, but we are on our own if we want to tour the museum. If you have any questions, call Jerry Needham, (402) 291-7122.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?

Contact the following people for membership information:  
In Lincoln call John Ulrich at 421-9252 or Bob Shaw at 435-4905. In Omaha, call Jerry Needham at 291-7122 or Marvin Marshall at 733-6868.

## BRITISH NEWS BITS

From the *Churchdown Parish Magazine*: "Would the Congregation please note that the bowl at the back of the Church labeled "For The Sick", is for monetary donations only."

From *The Guardian* concerning a sign seen in a Police canteen in Christchurch, New Zealand: "Will the person who took a slice of cake from the Commissioner's Office return it immediately. It is needed as evidence in a poisoning case."

From *The Times*:

'A young girl, who was blown out to sea on a set of inflatable teeth, was rescued by a man on an inflatable lobster. A coast-guard spokesman commented, "This sort of thing is all too common these days."

From *The Gloucester Citizen*:

'A sex line caller complained to Trading Standards. After dialing an 0891 number from an advertisement entitled "Hear Me Moan" the caller was played a tape of a woman nagging her husband for failing to do jobs around the house. Consumer Watchdogs in Dorset refused to look into the complaint, saying, "He got what he deserved."

From *The Daily Telegraph*

in a piece headed "Brussels Pays 200,000 Pounds to Save Prostitutes":  
"... the money will not be going directly into the prostitutes' pocket, but will be used to encourage them to lead a better life. We will be training them for new positions in hotels."

From *The Derby Abbey Community News*:

"We apologize for the error in the last edition, in which we stated that 'Mr. Fred Nicolme is a Defective in the Police Force'. This was a typographical error. We meant of course that Mr. Nicolme is a Detective in the Police Force."

From the Joke of the Day email list  
- another free MeMail Publication.



Remember Moss when ordering parts - Moss supports our Flatwater Show.

## FOR SALE

Early 60s **Box Sprite**, in pieces, with spares of almost everything but the body. Contact Avery Quakenbush, 4020 Colfax Avenue, Lincoln, NE 68504. Phone: 402-464-6174.

1970 **MGB Roadster**, rebuilt 18 years ago. Driven little since. Excellent mechanically, needs paint job, seat covers. Contact Joe Walker at Hofker Automotive, Inc., 4800 North 56th Street, Lincoln, NE 68504. Phone: 402-466-2302.

## THE 1999 HEARTLAND REGIONAL

For several years the Heartland Regional has been one of the FWAHC's favorite events. We begin talking about the gathering in January, querying each other whether or not we have received registration materials in February, and make our motel reservations in March. We attempt have all projects done enough that we can drive the LBC to the event. For many of us, if our show is excluded, this is the event of the driving season.

This year's Heartland Regional confirmed the reasons why we look forward with such anticipation to the second weekend in June. The 1999 event, complete with a new location, was the equal of all that have gone before it.

The traditional Friday drive had its surprises. The first came in Omaha, when it was discovered that one of the editors had misunderstood the meeting point in Omaha. Fortunately most LBC owners now have the essentials in their tool box (chief among them is a cell phone) so that little glitch was overcome.

The second occurred in Brownville, where we discovered that the usual eatery overlooking the river had closed a few months back. However, that was no great tragedy as we discovered a delightful little cafe on main street that served excellent food and, in an astounding demonstration of the lack of good sense, were not at all intimidated by about 12 cars worth of LBC crazies descending upon the premises.



As always, the drive down Route 7 was delightful and, complete with the river on one side and wooded bluffs



on the other, made up for the snafus before and the tar gravel after. The absence of traffic across Kansas City was celebrated as well. The show was held on the courthouse grounds. The field was covered in a beautiful lawn, well trimmed hedges and **wonderful** shade trees. A great deal of the time was spent sitting on a lawn chair sipping a cool libation and enjoying pleasant conversation as we sat beneath those trees. The Awards banquet was also excellent. It began with a surprise visit by a notable (notorious?) woman, Miss Lizzie, who apparently had been active in the "entertainment" business in St. Joseph's history. The irascible

Robert Allen was the master of ceremonies for the awards portion of the banquet, and aptly identified the body as a tough crowd when two Ferraries could only garner an honorable mention when compared to a couple of old street rods and a kit car in the open non-British class.

Right: President Marvin Marshall seeks advice from past President, Jim Danielson, regarding Hospitality Suite

The FWAHC did well in the awards. Dan Forehead won in the MGA 1500 class, Marvin Marshall won and Steve Esplund took second in the early '65-'70 B class. Ben Anderson took second with his MGCGT, Leo Thietje took second in the late Chrome bumper B class, Ken and Vicki Grant took second with their rubber bumper B, and John Ulrich won second in the British open class with his Bugeye Sprite.



Special mention must be made to Karen Higgins and Rene Drewell and Ryan Reese. Karen drove her MGA 1500, sans top, side curtains, side rails and turn signals to St. Joseph. She did run into some rain on the way home, but was able to maintain the proper forward motion so as to remain dry. Rene and Ryan managed to purchase a late 60's vintage MGB, and install an overdrive transmission in it by Heartland despite Ryan's finishing law college this spring. They also deserve the hard luck and perseverance award for pressing on despite several break downs. The final one was when the heater hose broke on the way home. They were able to fill their radiator with drinking water and rain water scooped from the gutter. Rene also won the comment of the week in reply to Jim Danielson's query, "Was your father alive in 1931?" with the comment "I don't think my grandfather was born in 1931!" She has what it takes to survive with this group.

The Heartland Regional was larger than ever this year. Pat Koch asked Mel Finch why the show was larger. Without hesitation Mel replied that he attributed it to the involvement of "that Flatwater group." Lets strive to make the our presence even stronger in 2000.

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## CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Jim Danielson, whose father passed away June 20th. There will be a memorial service in Shenandoah, IA. on July 6th at 1:30 PM at the funeral home.

If you cannot attend lift a glass to his memory at that moment. He was a car guy, and enjoyed a good time; he would have enjoyed the thought. Our thoughts are with Jim and Barbara.

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## TRIPLE FOLLY

As you read this, Marvin and Sue Marshall, Steve and Deb Esplund, and Bob Shaw and Martha Johnson will be driving their MG roadsters toward the west coast. This is not a vain attempt to relive adventures from adolescence. Well, O.K. maybe it is for Marvin and Bob. But mostly we think that the northern mountains are best seen from an open roadster. We also think that Route 101, a.k.a. the coastal highway, is best seen from an open car.

Finally we want to see if Marvin can really camp to Oregon and back and still get into and out of his MG! If the "tour" goes as planned we will try another next year, and will open the adventure to any FWAHC member brave (insane?) enough to accompany us. Be forewarned, only LBCs will be allowed on any of these tours. As Marvin said, "If I have to shake my body half apart in that little car you aren't driving any sedans with air conditioning!" GTs, however, may be another matter.



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