



Breakfast at Mahoney State Park, May 8th at 9:30 A.M.

Ice Cream with Her Majesty's Royal Nebraska Patrol AT NEW LOCATION Goodrich Dairy Store , 48th and Pioneer Blvd, in Lincoln, May 13th at 7:30 P.M.

Fish at Ricky Sue's, formerly the Union Bar Friday, 28, 1999 at 7:30 P.M. Not to worry, Kim is still there mate!

First Driving Event of the Year!

The Annual Lakes Tour terminating at the Renaissance Fair at the James Arthur Winery will begin at 10:00 A.M. at the State Farm parking lot, 84th and O in Lincoln. Like last year, we will take a leisurely drive around the lakes and finish with dinner at the winery. The cost for dinner is \$6 per person. If the weather is bad this event will be canceled. If in doubt call Bob Shaw (402) 435-4905.

June Events

Ice Cream with Her Majesty's Royal Nebraska Patrol AT NEW LOCATION Goodrich Dairy Store , 48th and Pioneer Blvd, in Lincoln, June 10th at 7:30 P.M.

Breakfast at The Heartland Regional, at the Ramada Inn in Saint Joseph Missouri whenever you can get awake enough to get there! We will leave for the Heartland on Friday, June 11th.

Directions as to when and where will appear in the June newsletter, but it will involve meeting in Nebraska City at the Discount Mall, eating in Brownsville, and taking Route 7 along the river to Highway 36. It should be a great run!

Fish at Ricky Sue's, formerly the Union Bar Friday, June 25, 1999 at 7:30 P.M.

For those interested, the Triumph Driver's Show has been rescheduled June 6th at the Ameristar Casino in Council Bluffs, IA. from noon to 4:00 P.M.. This is a week before the Heartland regional (registration form in last newsletter) in St Joseph MO. The Lincoln group will meet at State Farm at 10:00 A.M.

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 you need one.

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Breakfast at Mahoney State Park, July 10th at 9:30 A.M.

There is to be a tour of the Strategic Air Command following breakfast. Details to follow in later newsletters.

August Events

Breakfast at Mahoney State Park, August 14th at 9:30 A.M. Picture Rally to follow.

Ice Cream with Her Majesty's Royal Nebraska Patrol at Goodrich Dairy Store , 48th and Pioneer Blvd, in Lincoln, August 27th at 7:30 P.M.

Fish at Ricky Sue's, formerly the Union Bar Friday, 28, 1999 at 7:30 P.M.

September Events

Kansas City All British Car and Cycle Show. September 4th and 5th. The club will have our own pavilion this year. Bring your cooler and a lawn chair. Departure times and places will be given later.

Breakfast at Mahoney State Park, September 11th at 9:30 A.M.

Ice Cream with Her Majesty's Royal Nebraska Patrol at Goodrich Dairy Store , 48th and Pioneer Blvd, in Lincoln, September 9th at 7:30 P.M.

Fish at Ricky Sue's, formerly the Union Bar Friday, September 24th, 1999 at 7:30 P.M.

Flatwater Austin Healey Club All British Car and Bike Show September 26th. 10:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. at Lincoln Public

Schools District Office Parking Lot, 5101 "0" Street, Lincoln.

October Events

Breakfast at Mahoney State Park, October 9th at 9:30 A.M.

Ice Cream with Her Majesty's Royal Nebraska Patrol at Goodrich Dairy Store , 48th and Pioneer Blvd, in Lincoln, October 14th at 7:30 P.M.

Nebraska Triumph Driver's Club Loess Hills Run. Date and time to be announced.

Fish at Ricky Sue's, formerly the Union Bar Friday, October 29th, 1999 at 7:30 P.M.

November Events

Breakfast at Mahoney State Park, November 13th at 9:30 A.M.

Ice Cream with Her Majesty's Royal Nebraska Patrol at Goodrich Dairy Store , 48th and Pioneer Blvd, in Lincoln, November 11th at 7:30 P.M.

Fish at Ricky Sue's, formerly the Union Bar Friday, November 26th, 1999 at 7:30 P.M.

December Events

Breakfast at Mahoney State Park, December 11th at 9:30 A.M.

Ice Cream with Her Majesty's Royal Nebraska Patrol at Goodrich Dairy Store , 48th and Pioneer Blvd, in Lincoln, December 9th at 7:30 P.M.

Fish at Ricky Sue's, will resume at the end of January. Enjoy the holidays with your families!

First Drink

A man is waiting for wife to give birth. The doctor comes in and informs the dad that his son was born without torso, arms or legs. The son is just a head! But the father loves his son and raises him as well as he can, with love and compassion.

After 21 years, the son is old enough for his first drink. Dad takes him to the bar and tearfully tells the son he is proud of him. Dad orders up the biggest, strongest drink for his boy.

With all the bar patrons looking on curiously and the bartender shaking his head in disbelief, the boy takes his first sip of alcohol. Swoooooop! A torso pops out!

The bar is dead silent; then bursts into a whoop of joy. The father, shocked, begs his son to drink again. The patrons chant "Take another drink!"

The bartender still shakes his head in dismay. Swoooooop! Two arms pops out. The bar goes wild, but the bartender is clearly disapproving.

The father, crying and wailing, begs his son to drink again. The patrons chant "Take another drink!" The bartender ignores the whole affair.

By now the boy is getting tipsy, and with his new hands he reaches down, grabs his drink and guzzles the last of it. Swoooooop! Two legs pop out. The bar is in chaos. The father falls to his knees and tearfully thanks God.

The boy stands up on his new legs and stumbles to the left... then to the right... right through the front door, into the street, where a truck runs over him and kills him instantly. The bar falls silent. The father moans in grief. The bartender sighs and says, "That boy should have quit while he was a head."

(From Joke of the Day)

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 291-7122 or Marvin Marshall at 733-6868.

A man was recently observed in supermarket pushing a cart which contained, among other things, a screaming baby. As the man proceeded along the aisle, he kept repeating softly, "Keep calm, Marvin. Don't get excited Marvin. Don't yell, Marvin."

A lady watched with admiration and then said, "You are certainly to be commended for your patience in trying to quiet little Marvin."

"Lady, " he declared, "I'm Marvin!"

(From Joke of the Day)

JUST WHEN YOU THINK THE JOB IS FINISHED . . .

After building two engines for the MGA last year I thought that task was completed. Oh, there was the small matter of the mosquito fogger effect as I lifted my foot from the throttle which began to manifest itself late last August, and continued to improve until I noticed a bit of a break develop in the traffic behind me at the Loess Hills run in October. Still, the car wasn't that bad, despite

Steve Witt's emerging from his Spitfire coughing and wearing his painting filter mask after following me.

I suspected that the difficulty lay with the rings, which had not seated properly. I was planning on installing an overdrive transmission this winter and while the engine was out I would pop out the pistons, replace the rings, run my hone through the cylinders and, after re-assembly all would be well. And so it appeared until Steve Esplund stopped by to see what I had.

Steve wiped out the rod bearings and noticed some flaking on the bearings. As he picked up one of the pistons, I noticed that the wrist pin was sliding out of the piston.

Horrors!

Closer inspection of the #3 cylinder revealed a groove about 1/32 of an inch deep on the cylinder wall. The question was whether to sleeve the cylinder and re-bore it or to begin over with a new block.

I had reserved a 77 18V shortblock at Long's in Valley, NE last January when I bought the extra bonnet for the A. It had no head, but it turned, he said, and he wanted \$60 for it. I called him and drove to Valley to take delivery.

As I tore it down I could tell that it had been assembled by someone who did not know what they were doing, but that underneath the permatex and Chevy orange engine paint was a basically sound engine. A set of 8.7:1 .060 over pistons seemed just the ticket. With a call to Randy Koch at H&B Welding to arrange the machine work things were underway.

There was one more little delay. I had picked up an overdrive transmission at Olstons a few years back, and it was time to have it re-done. Butch Mitcheltree went through it for me and all looked great. Until I looked at it sitting next to the old non-overdrive box sitting beside it in the garage. A few quick measurements confirmed that it was not a "B" transmission. But what was it?

A quick phone call and Fax later R. B. Hart at Moss confirmed it to be a C overdrive transmission, identical except for the bellhousing case. I am currently talking with Ben Anderson about the possibilities of swapping it for a '76 or newer B overdrive. Ben is looking for a transmission to swap me, as that box would fit nicely into his MGCGT.

I still hope to have the mechanicals finished by the Lake Tour May 22, but the smart money is not there. It will be ready to go to the Heartland Regional, although the new bonnet and smoother fenders will have to wait until after the current driving season.

I admit it. I am tired of building engines for this car. Still, if such failures are to occur, what better place to discover them than in one's own garage? Beats being half way to Oregon!

From The Triumph Drivers

We are putting together an event which will start at the KMart in Council Bluffs and drive to Walnut, Iowa for antique shopping and lunch, with a stop at Baxter Cycle in Marne, Iowa for a tour.

I understand that Baxter Cycle sells new and used British bikes and has quite a display of bikes and accessories. The date is Sat. May 15 at 10 A.M.

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