

Flatwater Austin Healey Club Newsletter

Austin Healey CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

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ARE YOU STILL GOING TO BE ON OUR LIST?

Your dues are due. If you do not send them either to John Ulrich or the National organization, this will be your last newsletter. We do not want to cast you adrift to deal with a world of Sports Utility Vehicles in a Little British Car without the support of numbers. However, it would not be fair to our paying members to carry you without you doing your fair share. So please remember to pay your dues and to continue the pleasant association with the Flatwater Austin Healey Club.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fish in March

Fish in March will be the 31st at Frank's Tree House in Bellevue on Railroad Street. For those who are uneasy of driving there on your own, we will meet at the Southeast Community Parking Lot (about 84th and O) and will leave from there at 6:00 P. M. Steve Espelund, who grew up in Omaha, will be the "Trail Boss" to be sure that we get to the right place.

Ice Cream

Ice Cream will be in Lincoln at the Baskin-Robbins 1 block south of 70th and Pioneers in Lincoln, Thursday, April 13th, at 7:30. It is getting far enough into April that it is proper LBC driving weather.

Breakfast

Breakfast will be at Mahoney State Park April 8th at about 9:30. One of the attendees in March arrived sans hood. Lets see how many others can show up topless in April.

April Fish

April Fish will be the 28th at Franks Tree House in Bellevue.

SO, JUST HOW FAST DOES YOUR CAR REALLY RUN?

The following is the SCCA events schedule for the year 2000. Of special interest to some of us are the Solo II events (autocross). We have been attempting to organize such an event for the past few years and the various schedules have been in conflict at every step of the way. As one member stated at the Annual St. Paddy's Day Party, why should we reinvent the wheel? If they are doing it lets just take advantage of it.

March 26	Spring Blast VIII Solo II	Ak-Sar-Ben
April 2	Extra Solo II	Offut AFB
April 6	Solo II	Ak-Sar-Ben
May 7	Solo II	Ak-Sar-Ben
May 21	Solo II	Offut AFB
June 11	Solo II	Ak-Sar-Ben
July 9	Solo II	Offut AFB
July 23	Solo II	Ak-Sar-Ben
August 13	Solo II	Ak-Sar-Ben
Sept 10	Solo II	Ak-Sar-Ben
Sept 24	TSD Rally	TBA
Oct 15	TSD Rally	TBA
Oct 22	Extra Solo II	Ak-Sar-Ben
Nov 19	TSD Rally	Ak-Sar-Ben

More events may be added throughout the year.

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THE NEBRASKA TRIUMPH DRIVERS ALL BRITISH MEET

The Triumph Drivers are having their annual show and swap meet Sunday, June 18, from noon to 4:00. The event will be at the Ameristar Casino, in Council Bluffs Iowa. Registration will be from noon until 2:00, involves a \$5.00 fee, and includes a dash plaque. We have generally supported this event and intend to do again this year. The Lincoln contingent will meet at the Southeast Community College Parking Lot at 10:00 and will leave from there. The route taken will be exclusively on secondary roads.

WHO WAS REALLY FASTEST?

The Great Race is over and Steve Espelund had been declared the fastest driver in attendance. (Frank Grover and Steve Williams were not there, and Bob Shaw was unable to drive because of a back problem. No one is claiming to be faster than Frank or Steve. The issue with Bob has yet to be resolved.) A direct comparison is not possible, but position by heat and each driver's fastest lap time is posted herein. As they say on the Bud Sheet, this information is for entertainment purposes only!

Heat 1: order of finish and fastest lap time:
Steve Espelund, 27.09; Bob Bredwell, 27.38;
Dan Forehead, 28.08; Martha Johnson, 28.09,
Fred Meier, 28.15; Gary Higgins, 29.06.

Heat 2: order of finish and fastest lap time: Don
Petrick, 27.59; Jerry Needham, 28.16;
"Mustang"

Marvin Marshall, 28.67; John O'Brien, 28.18; Keith Freeouf, 29.14; John "Crash" Ulrich, 29.14; Matt O'Brien, 32.64.

Lap times in order: 1. Steve Espelund, 27.09, 2. Bob Bredwell, 27.38, 3. Don Petrick, 27.59, 4. Dan Forehead, 28.08, 5. Martha Johnson, 28.09, 6. Fred Meier, 28.15, 7. Jerry Needham, 28.16, 8. John O'Brien, 28.18, 9. Marvin Marshall, 28.67, 10. Gary Higgins, 29.06, 11. John Ulrich, 29.14, 12. Keith Freeouf, 29.55, 13. Matt O'Brien, 32.64.

Speed Indoor Racing is an excellent venue, and the equipment is first class. The races were great fun and we all expect to return next year. We do, however, hope for a few changes. We hope to have more drivers. We may make two classes, 200 pounds and under, and 201 pounds and up. We need more women to take part. There are several capable drivers among women members of FWAHC, and it wouldn't be terrible if she was faster than he was. (Martha thinks it would be great!)

THANK YOU MOSS MOTORS

Once again this year, Moss Motors has been quite generous with their support of the Flatwater Austin Healey All British Show. Moss is also known for the quality of their parts as well as the quality of their service. Please consider this when next you need parts.