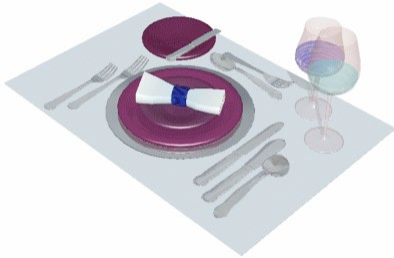


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UPCOMING EVENTS

Breakfast

Enjoy a great breakfast buffet on August 13, Mahoney State Park, 9:30 A.M.

Ice Cream

Indulge in your favorite ice cream treat at Baskin Robbins, 4500 South 70th Street, Lincoln at 7:30 P.M. **July 13th.**

Fish

Chow down on great walleye, catfish, or shrimp, but no darts on **July 28**, 6:30 P.M. at Nehawka Tavern, in where else but Nehawka, Nebraska.

HMRNP COBRA TOUR Saturday, July 22, 2000

Take a tour of the Shell Valley plant, Platte Center, NE where they make Cobras. Mr. Rich Anderson, owner, will be our guide. Lunch at Duster Restaurant in Columbus. Meet in either David City or State Farm, Lincoln (8 A.M.) RSVP by Thursday, **July 20**. Call Bob Gloe at 402-488-6213

SPRINT CAR MUESUM TOUR & DUTCH COMMUNITY TOUR August 11-12-13

Bakeries, antiques, photo-ops, beautiful houses, and FOOD. Acomodations at the Holiday Inn Hotel, call 515-342-6666. Cost is \$61.60 re: British Car Group. Our hosts for this event are Ken & Vicky Grant, Call 800-782-0521 ex 6201 for more information.

FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL GARAGE

I'm sitting here recovering from the Independence Day celebration. Some of us have had a month of activities in a few days. Some worth mentioning are the fish fry at Nehawka Tavern. We gained two new members that night. I want to welcome Shawn and Linda Spencer of Omaha to the best Austin-Healey Club in the Midwest. The Spencer's own a British Racing Green '79 MGB.

The Marshall's 29th Annual **4th of July Party** was a big bang (I counted 3. Ed.) even though attendance was down to about 60 because the 5th was a workday.

Thirteen people and Stripe, the spotted dog, showed up for Mahoney Breakfast on Saturday the 8th. Terry should tie Stripe to a tree instead of the LBC. He's big enough to pull the Sprite all over the parking lot.



I look forward to seeing all of you at the coming events. If you need a calendar ask Sue Marshall (402-630-2201). Her Majesty's Royal Nebraska Patrol lists everybody's events. Now get those LBCs out, drive them, and have fun!

Marvin Marshall

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JULY BREAKFAST

Thirteen people and a dog showed up for breakfast at Mahoney Park on Saturday morning. All manner of things car-wise were discussed. Jerry Needham and grandson were out there at 7 A.M. searching for a picnic spot for a company function while no-show Nancy was busy gathering the groceries and couldn't make it. Jerry had a newspaper which came in handy when Shawn Spencer said his wife saw an add for a \$500 '80 MGB. All of us parts vulturesãl mean fellow enthusiastsãwish him well!

Terry brought his dog Stripe; a big spotted horse the size of Terry's Sprite. He stood patiently on the seats and deck waiting for his master's return. No one parked next to him. Maybe this is the way to prevent door-dings.

The buffet is a nice affair and the scenery cannot be beat. More of you members should consider a beautiful early morning drive next month and come on out. It's only a half-hour drive out of Omaha or Lincoln.

THE JUNE FISH EXPERIMENT

The monthly fish fry moved to the Nehawka Tavern last month. About thirty of us, including the usual band of suspects descended on this small town more or less halfway between Omaha and Lincoln. The usual amount of trepidation went unfounded as the bar was neat, polite, and the food was good. The lingering smell of fried food that clung to one's clothes the next day was reminiscent of our old meetings at the Union Bar. It goes without mention that the beer was cold! We took in two new dues-paying members after plying them with liquor and our wit. Please welcome Shawn and Linda Spencer of Omaha to the club. This place does not serve Carp during the summer months but this reporter will survive until September on walleye, catfish, or shrimp. They do have a regular cafe menu if one is not inclined to eat seafood.

Please check the Upcoming Events List to be sure but I think the Club will meet here again in July.

HOW TO TRANSLATE CLASSIFIED ADS

ALL THE HARD WORK DONE

The body shell is welded; the real expense is about to begin

PANELS WORTH \$\$\$ INCLUDED

The body shell is not welded, there's lots of hard work before the real expense begins.

NEED SPACE

I require space for the already restored car I'm going to buy. This restoration lark is a joke.

PAINT FAIR

Fair paint rarely adorns sound steel.

TOTAL RESTORATION NEEDED

Total restoration needed.

STRIPPED & READY

One rotten body shell full of parts some of which may belong to vehicle

EASY RESTORATION

No such thing

SOUND & RELIABLE, CHEAP TO GOOD HOME

No such luck.

MUCH MONEY SPENT, ALL PARTS, WELDING/PAINTING DONE, CLEAN TITLE, DIVORCE

Could be a good restoration project worth checking out.

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A JOB LIST, A REQUIEM AND A CAUTION

Editor, Bob Shaw

It is summer. The temperature and the humidity have been more or less equal for the past week or so, since our return from Oregon, and so now that I have the time to do all of those tasks that I wanted to do it is too hot to do them. It will soon be time to do the roof repair (very likely about the time you are reading this); do the attic in the garage; rewire; insulate and sheet rock the walls in the garage; buy the same little electric heaters that John Ulrich installed in his garage; then prepare to begin work on the restoration of J's car, the refurbishing of Martha's GT, and the minor stuff on my A. I do not believe that I will be able to match Marvin's carpeted garage floor, and I will not have a heated office and bathroom, but it will be nice to have a comfortable place to work. Who knows? The old bionic board, AKA the Dumphy 18-foot Mahogany Runabout may once again become seaworthy.

One project will not come to fruition, however. After doing one thing and another while postponing work on the Sterling, I finally began to look into the cost of repairing the rust and interior for the old girl. The results were shocking. Bodywork between \$4000 and \$5000 for rear quarters and doors. Interior about \$500 in leather and another \$500 for the odd switch and trim piece. The cold numbers are more than the car is worth by a factor of almost three. So, I guess the old girl will become the sacrificial car for the next two winters, if she lasts that long. It is a bit hard to give up on an auto that has served one well for so long. But at almost 200,000 miles even a good British Car is getting a bit long of tooth. Maybe my brother, Dick, will want to use the wheels on his MGB. It would be nice to have even that small part of the old girl motoring on.



Speaking of motoring on, we had a grand chase June 16. That delightful young couple Ryan Reis and

Renae Drewell made it official and legal. The ceremony was as beautiful as the bride (which rates right up there with Beethoven sonatas, British Roadsters and Nebraska sunsets, or maybe even a little prettier) and the music, helped by John Ulrich and his wife Bev Bohlke was wonderful. The wedding caräthe '69 Bāwas classic. There appears to be something of a tradition with black Bs as wedding cars in the FWAHC/HMRNP. The reception/dance was a party worth remembering. Congratulations Ryan and Renae, and best wishes.

On a related matter, I was in the insurance office a few days ago paying the premium for the house and the Sterling when the young woman helping me stated that she had seen my little green car, Martha, and I on 'O' street a short time ago. It seems that they were on a leisurely drive when a wedding party in several little cars went flying by. They were talking about how they would like this car or that car when a particularly loud little beast overtook them. Her boyfriend said, "I get that one!" She replied that she knew those people. Her office insured that car. She then asked me if I should drive that fast on 'O' street. Watch what you do. Big brother (or little sister) is everywhere!

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WARNING! WARNING! WARNING!

From Mike Cerney

Telephone scam-pass-it along! I was sent this warning. Good thing to watch out for!

It is true. I checked with AT&T today. It's best to be forewarned. Got a call last night from an individual identifying himself as an AT&T Service technician who was conducting a test on our telephone lines. He stated that to complete the test I should touch nine (9), zero (0), the pound sign (#) and then hang up. Luckily, I was suspicious and refused. Upon contacting the telephone company, I was informed that by pushing 90#, you give the requesting individual full access to your telephone line, which allows them to place long distance telephone calls billed to your home phone number. I was further informed that this scam has been originating from many of the local jails/prisons. I have also verified this information with UCB telecomm, Pacific Bell, MCI, Bell Atlantic, GTE, and NYNEX.

Please beware. DO NOT press 90# for ANYONE. The GTE Security Department requested that I share this information with EVERYONE I KNOW. PLEASE pass this on to everyone YOU know. If you have mailing lists and/or newsletters from organizations you are connected with, I encourage you to pass on this information to them, also.

Ed. NOTE: After checking on the web at the Scambuster's site it turns out that this is true but only affects phones where you need to dial 9 to reach an outside line. It does NOT affect regular residential phone lines.

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