



MARCH EVENTS

There is a great deal on the calendar of the Flatwater Austin-Healey Club in March of 2000.

ICE CREAM

The first event is Ice Cream, at Baskin-Robbins south of 70th and Pioneers at 7:30 P.M., Thursday the 9th.

BREAKFAST

The next event, breakfast, will be at 9:30 A.M., Saturday, March 11th at Mahoney State Park. The afternoon of the 11th is to be spent setting up the booth for the annual Swap Meet in the Lancaster Building at the State Fairgrounds.

SWAP MEET

We will meet 3:00 P. M., and after the booth is complete we will adjourn to a local eatery for food and libation, followed for a short rest, for some, until we report for work at 2:00 A.M. Sunday morning. Our shift ends at 7:00 A.M. at which time we will begin to snooze, drink tea, and people the booth for the duration of the swap meet. For those still on their feet, the group will go somewhere, yet to be determined, to eat dinner.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

The following Saturday, the 18th, we will have our annual St. Patrick's Day Party at John and Bev's house, 6845 South 44th in Lincoln at about 6:00 P. M. Festivities will continue until the piano player collapses and the proverbial last dog is hoisted from the yard arm. You are to bring whichever beverage you desire and any food you choose, although finger foods have great appeal as they are easily consumed while walking about socializing. The noisy British car and the lampshade to wear while driving it home are optional.

FISH

FISH WILL NO LONGER BE IN UNION AT RICKY SUE'S! We have experienced inconsistent quality of food, poor service, and one MG was mistaken for a sidewalk extension in the time since the place was sold. However, last meeting when, after being encouraged by the waitress to leave before 9:30, we were queried about the service it became clear it was time to move. Martha replied that the service was less than satisfactory at which time the waitress took exception and wanted to fight. Her boyfriend decided that was a good idea. Thanks to quick group action, overwhelming numbers, and a quick retreat reflective of Jerry's military science background and Dr. Danielson's ability to deal with disaster, gained while dealing with hostile foreign governments as a producer for public television, we left with one glass being the only casualty. Hence, despite the entreaties

of the owner, who upon reflection decided that perhaps he would miss our business, we are moving to a new location in Omaha (about 20 miles further north and east from Union) The new location, Frank's Tree House, has a large parking lot, a meeting room and a strong desire for our business. We will begin our association with them at about 7:00 to 7:30 P.M. on the 31st of March. Directions from Lincoln for Interstate 80: 180 to Kennedy Freeway, south on Kennedy to Chandler Road, left (east) on Chandler to Railroad Avenue, left (north) on Railroad two blocks, Frank's on left; for Highway 34: east to 73/75, or east to 50, north to 370 and east to 73/75 (Fort Crook Road), north on Fort Crook Road to 13th & Railroad, north on Railroad two blocks, Frank's on left.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are no extra events scheduled for April at present, but the annual Lake Tour ending at the Renaissance Fair at the James Arthur Vineyards on May 20th, and the Heartland Regional in St. Joseph, Missouri June 9th and 10th. We are also investigating a tour of Kenny Walton's studio near Avoca. Kenny is a glass artist of some stature.

HOW YOU KNOW YOU ARE A NEBRASKAN!

We know that we, with a few exceptions for members from Iowa, are largely from Nebraska. Our name, Flatwater Austin Healey Club, is reflective of the fact that Nebraska is the Omaha Indian word for flat water, or the Platte River. However, many who have seen our name for the first time have asked, just

what characteristics are there about a person that makes an otherwise normal person Nebraskan? The following traits may give some guidance as to what it is that sets Nebraskans apart from other human beings.

You Know You Are A Nebraskan If:

- During a storm you check the cattle before you check the kids.
- You are related to more than half of your hometown.
- Your quarterback is hurt, you are hoping it is the lead story on the six o'clock news and it is!
- You use your life savings to go to the Nebraska-Colorado Game.
- You can wear red and white overalls in public and not feel stupid.
- There is a tornado warning and the whole town is outside watching for the tornado.
- You think Abraham Lincoln was named for the capital of Nebraska.
- You know the Woodman tower is not made of wood.
- You don't buy all of your vegetables at the grocery store.
- You go to the Husker Harvest Days and it is your only vacation.
- You are on a first name basis with the county sheriff.
- Little Smokies are something you serve only on special occasions.
- You go to the lake because it is like going to the ocean.
- You have the number of the coop feed store on speed dial.
- You know what the "sea of red and white" is.
- You think using the elevator involves a grain truck.

- You listen to the weather forecast before choosing what to wear.
- You are walking knee deep in snow the day after a day with an 80-degree high temperature.
- You know that cow pies are not made of beef.
- Your excuse for being late is the cows got out.
- Your early morning prayer covers rain, cattle, and Frank Solich.
- You want to buy manure.
- You listen to "Paul Harvey" every day at noon.
- Your nearest neighbor is in the next area code.
- You can tell the difference between field corn and sweet corn while they are still on the stalk.
- You pick up all the free stuff at the State Fair.
- You check the football schedule before setting your wedding date.
- You can eat an ear of corn without using any utensils in less than 20 seconds.
- You wear your irrigation boots to church.
- You know enough to get your driving done early on Sundays (Before the Sunday drivers come out.)
- It takes you 3 minutes to reach your destination and it is clear across town.
- You can tell the difference between the smell of a skunk and the smell of a feedlot.
- You consider a building to be a "Mall" if it is bigger than the local Pamida.
- You call lunch "dinner" and dinner "supper."
- You complain about interstate construction.
- You expect to get a good 10-oz. steak at the local tavern for 5 bucks.

THE RACE REPORT

The soon to be annual Nigel Shiftright Memorial Road Race is in the books. We had 13 intrepid drivers, including some guy named "Mustang" and missing some guy named Shaw who had a back problem. We will publish the total results at a later date, but be informed the fastest lap times went to Steve Espelund, Don Petrick, Bob Bredwell, and Martha Johnson in order with Steve being fastest. The only casualty was John Ulrich who received a couple of badly bruised ribs after spinning and getting collected.

There was a trend with the smaller drivers being faster while the larger persons in the group appeared to have drawn the slower cars. Then again, one driver, who is quoted anonymously, replied "I thought my kart was the slowest one out there. But in this race it is outrunning every other car on the track. Couldn't have been the driver, could it?" We are certain that this event was one of the most fun we have had in a while. It has become an annual event.

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DUES ARE DUE!

John Ulrich has received his usual friendly communications from Edeth Anderson, threatening all sorts of terrible consequences unless he sends in a current membership list, and the corresponding monies for those who did not send their memberships directly to the National. National dues are \$50. Local only is \$15. Please take care of this as soon as possible.

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1/2 year dues (Aug.1 to Jan.1) \$7.50_____

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