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# Flatwater Austin Healey Club Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

### Fish

January 25, 7:00 P.M. at the Windmill Inn in Nehawka. Fish in February will be the same time and place on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Ice Cream

Ice Cream with the Motor Patrol is February 14 at about 7:30 P.M. at the Baskin Robbins just south of 70<sup>th</sup> and Pioneers. March will be same time and place on March 14.

### Breakfast

Breakfast is about 9:30 A.M. at Mahoney State Park on February 9. March Breakfast is the same place and time on March 9. After Breakfast the 9<sup>th</sup> we will meet to set up the booth at the swap meet in Lincoln. Think about pulling an all nighter and help us direct traffic for the swap meet. It is one of the club's largest money making events.

If you want to join the Motor Patrol for the Way After Christmas Party, it will be at the Knowles Country Club in Lincoln, about 5:30 P.M. The cost is about \$15 per person. If you are interested in attending call Ben Anderson, 402-488-4229.



## From the Presidential Garage

by Marvin Marshall

Man, am I glad last year is over and done with! I hope if I'm around for the first year of the next century it won't bring as many surprises as this one did.



Some of the "usual band of suspects" and I went to the boat show in January. We lusted in our hearts for the sleek wooden classics on display and flirted with the beautiful fiberglass models with the big engines. Oh! To be half our age (well maybe a third). I arrived home to find that Sue had been in TWO car accidents. The first guy left after creaming the rear of the car (probably to go get his license and insurance?). Then, while Sue was standing there waiting for the police, a pregnant teen loses control and runs her down.

February and March were O.K. except I couldn't work on the LBCs nor Sue's house because I was trying to help my Sweetie recover. (Ain't I nice?)

April and May were spent much the same way and amongst the club activities, I was re-elected President. This is a good thing except I find it a lot harder to do when Sue is on the mend and not really focused on helping me run things. I even had to clean my own wire wheels for the Heartland show.

Now, June was a good month, more or less. I won the Heartland again but from the looks of a very nice red B, it will probably be my last. At least I

know that First Place will still be heading North when we leave St. Joe. The doctor told Sue she needed a vacation so eight of us took off for Canada. No better way to relax than to spend two glorious weeks in an old sports car, top down, with friends. We took lots of pictures to help jog Sue's memory. Customs checked out Jim & Jo's suspicious-looking Porche, but they ignored us. Just as well, given all the prescriptions Sue carried, they'd have thought we were drug-runners.

By the end of fall, Sue had quit one of her jobs. She was still having aches and pains but the free time allowed us to see some home football games. The motor in the B gave up the ghost and the rear dent was joined by a new one along the door sill. Sue's Bugeye was still untouched. I got three new Hillmans to work on and my car trailer was stolen.

But now it's a new year! I just know it is going to be GREAT! My bad luck got passed to some college team. Sue has a new Specialist and a new Chiropractor. The three Hillmans got dumped on...er, stored at Dr. Danielson's place. My sweetie found another job so she's back to three (*Ed.Note: Four, if you count Marvin*) and we're making progress on fixing the Chrysler.

The planning meeting yielded some great things for us to do this year. Look for your preliminary calendars soon. Also, any suggestions and additions to the calendar are really wanted. See you all at fish and have a great year—I plan to!

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### Age Testing

Count all the ones that you remember.  
Ratings at the bottom.

1. Blackjack chewing gum
2. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water
3. Candy cigarettes
4. Soda pop machines that dispensed bottle

5. Coffee shops with tableside juke-boxes
6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers
7. Party lines
8. Newsreels before the movie
9. P.F. Flyers
10. Butch wax
11. Telephone numbers with a word prefix (Olive -6933)
12. Peashooters
13. Howdy Doody
14. 45 RPM records
15. S&H Green Stamps
16. Hi-fi
17. Metal ice trays with lever
18. Mimeograph paper
19. Blue flashbulb
20. Beanie and Cecil
21. Roller skate keys
22. Cork popguns
23. Drive-ins
24. Studebakers
25. Wash tub wringers

If you remembered 0-5  
You're still young

If you remembered 6-10  
You are getting older

If you remembered 11-15  
Don't tell your age

If you remembered 16-25  
You're older than dirt!

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Endurance Rally

*by Robert Rushing*

It's down to the last three months before the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Endurance Rally begins. Time to be getting your car ready while it sits over the winter months waiting for spring. If you've read the write ups of last year's rally in your newsletters or in British Car Magazine, you'll find that this year's rally will be slightly different from the

one last year. Instead of lasting a grueling 27 hours, this one will only be a grueling 20 hours. Also, a lot less miles too. Basically, we're starting the rally at around 6 A.M. on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We'll meet at the traditional spot which is the Hooter's on Lackland Rd in Westport. It will be there where we hold the driver's meeting and start out on the check run. The check run, of course, is where we run a set course and compare the mileage you get to the set mileage on the control car. We then determine a mathematical formula to figure the offset. After the mileage run, teams will be given their list of locations to which they must drive. Last year we had 10 locations spread pretty much over most of the state. This year, we're increasing the number of stops to about 16 but we're limiting the area those stops are in to mostly the Ozark region of the state. This will not only make for spectacular driving most of the trip, but should make the skill of map reading a bigger factor in the outcome.

Once you receive your list of locations, it is up to you and your teammate to determine in what order you want to go to the sites and which route you want to take. The whole key is to read your maps and to try to find the order and the routes which will return you to Hooter's in Westport while covering the least number of miles. (Sticky rules time - no GPS nor laptops allowed, must be paper maps only.) Once you figure out which way you will take, then you will proceed to the locations and once you get there, you must take a picture of your co-driver (or your co-driver will take a picture of you) using a Polaroid camera standing in front of whatever is specified for that location - it may be a statue, it may be sign, it maybe an building, etc. After getting all 16 of them, you will go back to the start and have your final mileage recorded. Also, another point, the ending time for the rally will be 2 A.M. that night. Any teams not making it back to the finish by 2 A.M., is disqualified. Teams can then check in at

the host hotel, the Red Roof Inn, or can go home. We'll meet up again at the hotel the next morning at 9:30 A.M. for an awards ceremony with donuts, bagels, coffee, juice, etc. This will allow teams to get some rest before then and also allow out of town teams to get some sleep before their long drive home on Sunday.

Last year, we had 15 teams participate in the rally—which was the most ever. We're really hoping to up that amount this year to 20. If you've never competed before, we wish you would consider it. It is one of the best events of the year and it really gives you a sense of adventure. We've had people drive all the way down from Minnesota and Michigan to compete then drive all the way back the next day. Last year, a local competitor had a friend fly all the way in from Seattle to be his co-driver. Sure it's tough, but it's fun. Give it a try, you won't regret it. If you have any questions or would like a registration form, please e-mail me at [mgslime@swbell.net](mailto:mgslime@swbell.net).

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### Wisdom?

Ever wonder about those people who spend \$2.00 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards.

Isn't making a smoking section in a restaurant a lot like making a peeing section in a swimming pool?

OK...so if the Jacksonville Jaguars are known as the "Jags" and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are known as the "Bucs," what does that make the Tennessee Titans?

If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea... does that mean that one enjoys it?

The Bible contains six admonishments to homosexuals and 326 admonishments to heterosexuals. That doesn't

mean God doesn't love heterosexuals - He just thinks they need more supervision.

"I am" is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that "I do" is the longest sentence?

Why do we say something is out of whack? What's a whack?

Why do croutons come in airtight packages? It's just stale bread to begin with.

When someone asks you, A penny for your thoughts, and you put your two cents in, what happens to the other penny?

Why is the man (or woman) who invests all your money called a broker?

When cheese gets it's picture taken, what does it say?

Why isn't 11 pronounced onety one?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that: electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted?

If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP?

I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks so I wondered, what do Chinese mothers use? Toothpicks?

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen could look for them while they delivered the mail?

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

Last night I played a blank tape at full blast. The mime next door went nuts.

## Art Dart II Set for Friday, Jan. 18

by Barbara Rixstine

All right, so being brought back by popular demand is overstating it just a bit. But by request, the Flatwater Austin-Healey Club is sponsoring another "Art Dart" on Friday, January 18. Our destination? The Sheldon Art Museum at 12<sup>th</sup> and R Sts. in Lincoln for viewing of a current exhibition featuring comic art of the 1940s and 1950s. The *Omaha World-Herald* just ran a large feature about this exhibition, as has the *Journal-Star*, so if you're a newspaper reader, you probably already know something about it. If you're not a newspaper reader, or don't care about comics or art, come down to the Sheldon before it closes later this spring for at least a year or two to get remodeled and re-accredited. Or just come because you want to be with a bunch of grand folks who like to eat and drink and have a good time. We'll meet at Crane River Restaurant (11<sup>th</sup> & P Sts.) and then walk the three blocks to Sheldon and hope there's good weather. Afterwards, we can retire to Barrymore's for Chambord martinis, to Spaghetti Works for Hot Naked (yes, there's a sauce like that) or anywhere the group prefers. If there's bad weather, we'll probably just meet at the Sheldon. If you have questions, or you want to contact someone that evening, call me on my cell at 402-440-3864. See you there!

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### Automobile Acronyms

- AUDI - Accelerates Under Demonic Influence  
Always Unsafe Designs Implemented
- BMW - Beautiful Mechanical Wonder  
Big Money Works  
Bought My Wife  
Brutal Money Waster
- BUICK - Big Ugly Indestructible Car Killer

# Flatwater Austin-Healey Club

## Membership Form

Flatwater Austin-Healey Club is the Nebraska and Western Iowa chapter of the Austin-Healey Club of America. For non Healey owners, it is a local British car club welcoming all marques and enthusiasts. We are dedicated to driving our cars, good friends, good food, and good times.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Name		Spouse-other	
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Address	City	State	Zip
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Auto(s)			
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Phone		Email	

- \_\_\_ 1/2 year dues local dues (Aug.1 to Jan.1) \$7.50
- \_\_\_ Full year local dues (Jan.1 to Dec. 31) \$15.00
- \_\_\_ Full year National Austin-Healey Club with local dues. \$50.00
- \_\_\_ 1/2 year National and local dues. \$35.00

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*Austin-Healey 100-4 MGA MK-I MGB Midget MK-II Sprite Mk II Mini Bug Eye Lotus Elan Morris Minor Jaguar E-Type Austin-Healey 100-6  
 MGB-GT Land Rover Triumph TR-6 Sterling Jaguar XJ-6 MGC Spitfire Jensen Healey Triumph TR-4 MGC-GT Jaguar MK IX Triumph GT-6  
 Jaguar MK-II Sprite MK-III MGA MK-II Austin-Healey 3000 Jaguar XJ-S MG-TC Sprite MK IV MGB-GTV8 Midget 1500*

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CHEVROLET - Can Hear Every Valve  
Rap On Long Extended Trips  
Cheap, Hardly Efficient, Virtually Runs  
On Luck Every Time

DODGE - Darn Old Dirty Gas Eater  
Drips Oil, Drops Grease Everywhere

FIAT - Failure in Italian Automotive  
Technology  
Fix It All the Time  
Fix It Again, Tony!

FORD - First On Recall Day  
First On Rust and Deterioration  
Fix Or Repair Daily  
Found On Road, Dead  
Fault Of Research & Development  
Fast Only Rolling Downhill  
Features O.J. & Ron's DNA backwards  
-> Driver Returns On Foot

GM - General Maintenance

GMC - Garage Man's Companion  
Got A Mechanic Coming?

HONDA - Had One, Never Did Again  
Happy Owners Never Drive Anything  
else

HYUNDAI - Hope You Understand  
Nothing's Dr And Inexpensive

MAZDA - Most Always Zipping Danger-  
ously Along

MG - Mighty Good

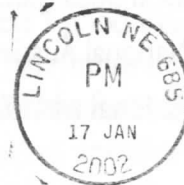
OLDSMOBILE - Old Ladies Driving  
Slowly Make Others Behind Infuriat-  
ingly Late Everyday  
Overpriced, Leisurely Driven Sedan  
Made Of Buck's Irregular Leftover  
Equipment

SAAB - Send Another Automobile Back  
Swedish Automobiles Always Break-  
down

TOYOTA - Too Often Yankees Over-  
price This Auto

VOLVO - Very Odd Looking Vehicular  
Object

VW - Virtually Worthless



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**ATTENTION:**  
Please note Art Dart II is  
Friday, January 18! Details inside.

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