

# The Flatwater News

January, 2003

9 -- Ice cream at Baskin-Robbins, 70<sup>th</sup> and Pioneers  
11—Breakfast at Mahoney Park  
18 – HRMNP after-Christmas party at the Knolls, Lincoln, 5:00 p.m.  
25 – Election of officers, see story on page 2.  
31 – Fish at Nehawka

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Events have elastic starting and ending times. Ice cream is 7:30 or so; Fish is 6:30 or so; Breakfast is 9:00 or so.

Party Hats Ready?

## HRMNP Holiday Party Set for Jan. 18

If you haven't already made plans for Saturday, Jan. 18, put "HRMNP Holiday Party, Knolls, Lincoln" in your datebook.

This annual holiday party gives regular Flatwater Austin-Healey Club members a chance to mingle with Her Majesty's Royal Nebraska Patrol members, have some good food and – this year – bid on some silent auction items Bill Evans has rounded up.

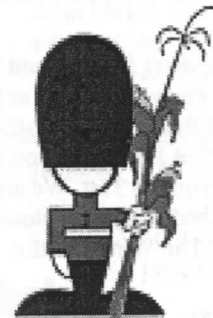
It's a serve-yourself buffet -- \$15/per person cost.

Social hour begins at 5 p.m., with dinner following shortly thereafter.

This year we plan to have nametags, so we can match faces with names. Please stop at the FAHC/HRMNP table and pick yours up.

Spouses are welcome and encouraged to be a part of the dinner. Last-minute decision-makers can pay at the door.

To RSVP, call Bill Evans at (402) 488-9660 or e-mail him at: [billlevansmgb@msn.com](mailto:billlevansmgb@msn.com).



The Knolls is located in Lincoln at 2201 Old Cheney Road. (Old Cheney is 56 blocks south of "O" Street.) If you get lost or need better directions, call the Knolls at 423-2843 or any Lincoln-based club officer.



By Marvin Marshall

## From the Presidential Garage

Happy New Year!

Sure can't beat how nice it is outside for the first of the year. If any of my LBCs were working, I might be tempted to go for a spin. Alas, the B still needs to be painted and Sue's Bugeye is not quite together yet.

I'd be out there in the Presidential Palace right now with wrenches in hand if it wasn't for having to take down the Christmas lights.

Thanks to John Rued for the little piece he wrote for this month's issue about one of his favorite car magazines.

John Ulrich still needs all our membership forms back. Please get them and your dues in ASAP. Remember, the election is fast approaching!

Her Majesty's Royal Nebraska Patrol Christmas Party is this month, on the 18th. Special invitation to all our new members and friends to please attend, we always have a good time. Call Bill Evans at 402-488-9660.

Finally, a report on the All-British held back in September.

Brother Shaw's garage is looking a little brighter these days. Dr. Bob has

installed a new electric service with heating, A/C, and tons of bright lights.

Just a little more carpentry work and he can join the likes of several other enthusiasts with proper shops.

I'm thinking new series here. "The garages of Flatwater" May-be even a calendar. Imagine the anticipation of waiting to flip the page over each month. There, in all its natural glory; a shop you'd love to get into or call your own.

Anyway, now that Bob Shaw has a

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proper place, maybe I'll drag the B down to Lincoln and paint it there. (Hint hint.)

Gotta close for this month. Those Christmas lights don't come down by themselves, you know. Hope Santa brought you everything you wanted that makes you happy. He did for me; except for those socks.

Again, don't forget about the Christmas Party on Jan. 18 at the Knolls and the election of officers on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at Jim's. See you there and at Fish on the 31st. We are back on schedule for the monthly meeting at The Windmill this month.

*Marvin*

**Don't forget to  
check out the new  
club website:**

**[www.flatwater.org](http://www.flatwater.org)**

## Cars and Parts 4 Sale

**FOR SALE:** 1960 MGA red roadster. Black leather interior. Great driving car. Call FAHC member Ken Grant in Missouri at 816-746-8490 or e-mail him at [kenneth.grant@wellsfargo.com](mailto:kenneth.grant@wellsfargo.com).

**FOR SALE:** 948 engine. Attached to 4-speed smooth-case transmission. If you might want it, and want to hear it running before you buy it, contact me pronto because it's getting taken out of my car this winter. Contact FAHC member Tim Creger, Lincoln, 402-466-3968.

**FOR SALE:** 1972 Datsun 240 Z. Good body to be restored, all frame is in good condition. Has rust in typical areas. Have extra parts, too many to list. Was in storage for last 14 years.

Jim Danielson has the following cars for sale:

1963 Midget/Sprite  
1967 Sprite  
1973 MGB-GT  
1974 MGB-GT  
1979 Midget  
1980 MGB LE

Call Jim at 402-464-3733 or e-mail him at [jdanielson2003@yahoo.com](mailto:jdanielson2003@yahoo.com) if you want other information.

\$450.00. Call 402-727-4518 or email Mike Cerny at [mecerny@teknetwork.com](mailto:mecerny@teknetwork.com) for details on the Datsun.

### For Rent: Winter Storage for Sports Cars

Newly-constructed metal building in Mead, Nebraska has rental space for four automobiles. Ideal for storing car, able to do some mechanical maintenance. \$25.00 per month for Flatwater members, Call FAHC member Chuck Policky at 626-2344 for details.

## Regional Show Information

**March 22-23, 2003 - St Louis, MO - 8th Annual Missouri Endurance Rally and 1st Missouri Mini-Endurance Rally,** The MG Club of St. Louis is again hosting the Missouri Endurance Rally. Teams have 25 hours to reach 10 locations and make it back to the finish while attempting to cover the least number of miles. New this year will be the Mini-Endurance Rally which will be five of the 10 stops of the regular rally with teams having 14 hours to complete. Open to all pre-1981 British cars. For more information, contact Robert Rushing at [mgslime@swbell.net](mailto:mgslime@swbell.net) or call (314) 995-8664.

**May 23-25, 2003 - Champagne British Car Festival, Urbana, IL.** This year's theme is the Beatles and the 60s. Email [British\\_Marque@msn.com](mailto:British_Marque@msn.com) or contact Mark Joslyn at 217-359-6792. Great costume ball (for those that want to dress the part) and banquet on Friday, Country Drive on Saturday, this year will be a BIG Street Party with Beatles and 60s music and Sunday is the car show.

**June 19-22, 2003 - MG-2003 - St. Louis, MO.** The North American MGB Register's annual convention in St Louis, Missouri hosted by the MG Club of St Louis. This year's theme is "Route 66: The Mother Road". Tours, tech sessions, an endurance rally, and various other events are scheduled, many of which will highlight St Louis area historic Route 66 sites. Contact Robert Rushing at [mgslime@swbell.net](mailto:mgslime@swbell.net) for more information or see the website at [www.MG2003.com](http://www.MG2003.com).

### It's not too early to think about...

*Sprite Spree '03* in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania from May 10-13;  
and  
*RoadAmerica Racing* at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin in late July of 2003.

Think about making your reservation now!

### Results from 2002 KC All-British

According to the Kansas City All-British event website, 21 surveys were filled out and returned in regard to this year's event, held over Labor Day last year. Not surprisingly, even with that small a return on surveys, the hotel was unanimously a thumbs-down for next year. Check out the results at [www.kcallbritish.tripod.com](http://www.kcallbritish.tripod.com) for more info.

## Miscellaneous Sputterings

By John Rued, FAHC member

Late one night in December, I found myself cursing the extravagant eating habits of my two German shepherds as I wandered the aisles of my local Baker's supermarket looking for Purina's Senior Seven. In a selfish moment, I wandered by the usually anemic magazine rack to see if the new *Road and Track* was out. It wasn't. But what caught my eye was a number of copies of *British Car* magazine.

*British Car* may be familiar to you if you are a cover-to-cover reader of the national club magazine; it is one of those advertised deals that doesn't necessarily jump right out at you. Gary Anderson is the editor — "editorgary" for those on the Healey subscriber e-mail list and co-author of the highly precise *Austin Healey Restoration Guide*.

The pedigree of the editor and the slick finish of the magazine proved an attractive alternative to the rough-textured and ubiquitous *Old Car Auto Trader*; It looked interesting enough for me to buy.

I'm glad I did. The magazine is America's answer to magazines like *Thoroughbred and Classics*. And whereas *T&C* deals from a United Kingdom perspective on the care, feeding, and presentation of ve-hicular marques international, *BC* looks at the same topics relative to British cars--from an American perspective.

The magazine is a compilation of columns ranging from "The Way We Were" (a Graham Robson retrospective) to "The Road Ahead" (an editor's outlook on the BC industry and hobby), articles that highlight specific vehicles (Alvis, Triumph, Morgan) and specific events (Monterey Historics, Open Roads-Tahoe), and, best of all (in my opinion), a comprehensive posting of

advertisements for local (North American) businesses dealing with all aspects of sales, service, and parts for all British marques.

The articles are well written, informative, and come with some nice photography. Letters, book reviews, basic tech tips, and a seller's market place roundout the magazine.

*British Car* magazine is 80-some pages published bi-monthly. Subscription rates begin at 24.95 for one year. For more info, check out their website: [www.BritishCar.com](http://www.BritishCar.com),

## Memberships Now Due

FAHC 2003 memberships are now due. See form in this issue (snail-mail members only.) Send to:

John Ulrich  
6845 So. 44<sup>th</sup> St.  
Lincoln, NE 68512

Newsletters will be sent only to paid-up members as of the March issue.

## Wanted: Club Events Co-Chair

by John Ulrich, Membership Chair

It's no secret that the success of any club is due in great part to the number and quality of events it offers its members.

We at Flatwater, in close association with Her Majesty's Royal Nebraska Motor Patrol, are fortunate to offer a minimum of three events per month, and often double that number during driving season.

Events like "breakfast," "ice cream," and "fish," run on autopilot, but the tours, rallies, speed runs, art darts, and the Fall FWAHC All-British Show take some organization.

I know, I know, "organization" is a dirty word. but when you figure out what to plan to the max, and what to kiss off forever, you may be near LBC nirvana.

Fred Meier, our current events chair, finds himself in the position of too much work, not enough play, and would welcome someone to serve as a co-chair. In brief, here is a description of the responsibilities of the office, and by the way, it is open to any member, local or national.

- Coordinate special activities, other than our regular events, that don't have organizers in place. Some people have already volunteered to chair some of our activities. You don't have to run the event, but you need to make sure people in charge know and carry out their given jobs.
- Be in charge of our fall All-British show. Again, don't do all the work, but delegate authority. Arrange help from officers and volunteers. Assign tasks and have people report to you.
- Serve as a contact and resource for members who wish to propose or sponsor an event. We welcome and encourage "grassroots" events.
- Work with the editor to provide members, the media and the public with accurate, timely event information for the newsletter and other publicity. (Barbara will do most of the work.)

Now, if you haven't been scared silly, step right up. It really isn't that bad, and lots of people are happy to help when asked, so you won't have to go it alone.

Please contact either Barbara or me if interested. We would like to have volunteers by the election and annual meeting on January 25.



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Dues for calendar year \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse-other \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

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e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Auto(s) \_\_\_\_\_

year, make, model

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 \_\_\_\_\_**

Questions and dues to: John Ulrich  
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julrich@lps.org

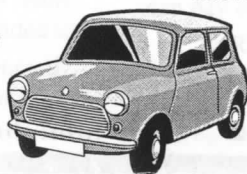
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Triumph GT-6 Sunbeam Alpine MG-TF Austin-Healey 3000 Triumph TR-2  
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Classic Mini Nash Metro Jaguar 420 MG-TF Triumph TR-7 MG Midget





*I'm the one in front, on the left, renewing myself as membership chair by eating more good food at an FAHC event. Also renewing themselves (left to right) are my lovely wife, Bev; Marvin Marshall and Jo Thietje.*

Those of you who read the last membership article recall that I like being membership chair most of the time. But when membership season rolls around, and it becomes time to collect and record membership forms and monies, I have to break out the Excedrin.



Flatwater is now a club of over one hundred members, not counting spouses or Stripe the Sprite Dog. That's a lot of cars and people to keep track of.

I cannot read minds. I cannot remember the cars you used to have, just got or traded. I don't remember 100 colors, marques, models, etc. It's imperative to my sanity and Bev's sanity, that you fill out the whole form -- make, marque, model and all -- including your e-mail address if you've got one, and send it in with a check.

**I need a filled-out form and your check to record your membership.**

Having said that, you ought to join because it's hard to find a better bargain than Flatwater. With

## Membership Renewal Time

by John Ulrich

a \$15 Local Membership, you get a quality newsletter which will accept articles you wish to write, list "wanted" and "for sale" at no cost to you, and keep you up to date on both Flatwater and Her Majesty's Royal Nebraska Patrol events.

For your \$15, you also get free entrance to a pretty darn good Flatwater All-British Meet and club poker runs, art darts, tours, and other assorted events. In addition, we maintain an extensive network of parts locating, tool and equipment lending service and the "human power" for project help days.

However, the biggest benefit of membership is the instant camaraderie with those, who like you, are afflicted with LBC mania. There is seldom a cure, but we have one heck of a support group.

Flatwater is affiliated with the Austin-Healey Club of America because, as a chapter, we receive free liability insurance for our events. No local dollars go to the national Healey club. Only national AHCA dues fund the insurance benefits, so next time you enjoy a "driving event," thank a national member.

**Please be so kind as to return a completed membership form and a check ASAP.**

National members should return the form they got from AHCA to me, along with their membership check and FAHC form. I write one big check to the AHCA.

If you haven't sent your check, do it now. Here's looking toward a great 2003 with a mild winter and a perfect driving season.

- If you're getting this via e-mail, and haven't sent in your form and check, you've got three choices:
- (1) go to the website and look under membership to find the electronic version;
  - (2) dig out last month's newsletter and use the form that was enclosed; or
  - (3) call John at 402-421-9252 or e-mail him at [julrich@lps.org](mailto:julrich@lps.org) and have him send you one.



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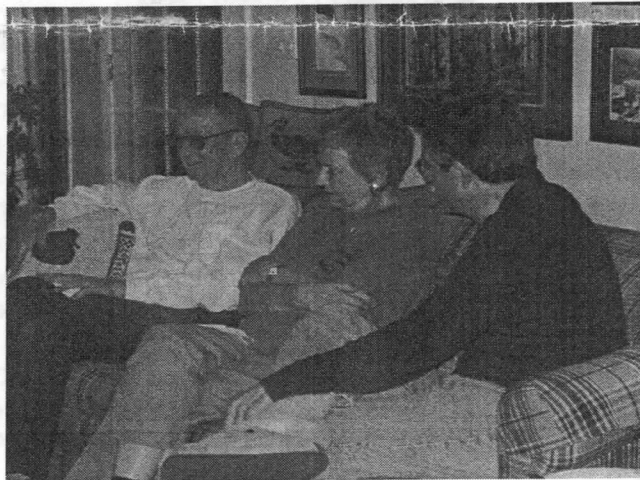
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The *Flatwater News* is published for members like:

Ben and Bev Anderson, here with Norfolk member Bill Petta, on right, discussing major issues at the November planning party.

Ben's the guy behind HRMNP's "ice cream" meetings and has already traded more cars than most of us will ever own. Ben's particularly known for driving his MGB-GT and his XJS Jaguar.

Bev is quite the traveler and has been to Tibet, among other places. She planned the Ashfall Fossil Beds trip last year and has enjoyed the Art Darts we've held.

Thanks for being members, Ben and Bev!

**Don't forget** to mark out any information you don't want in the club membership directory when you send in your form. Look for the directory in the March or April issue.