



Flatwater News

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*A publication by and for the members of the
Flatwater Austin-Healey Club of Nebraska and western Iowa*

December 2006 Calendar:

Dec. 9: Breakfast at Mahoney, 9 a.m. or so

**Dec. 10: Election/
Annual Meeting**

Dec. 14: Jackson's

Dec. 25: Christmas

Jan. 1: Happy New Year



The annual holiday party is being planned. Stay tuned for details.

Looking for Special Healey

Owned '55 Healey until approx 1984/dark blue in color/convertible/had spider webbing in the paint on the trunk lid, light blue interior. Possibly sold to person in Omaha. Would like to see if available to buy back. Contact:

jkcairns@alltel.net.

Thank you.

(Editor's note: This is also on the message board.)

Paid your dues?

If you haven't paid yours, this is your last newsletter. If you'd like to pay them, contact Gary Lien at gslien@cox.net. Dues are now due in October and membership renewals went out at that time.

New Officers To Be Elected Dec. 10

The club's annual meeting and election will be held Sunday, December 10, at Loren Eiseley Public Library, 14th and Superior, in Lincoln at 2 pm.

Votes will be counted at that time and extra ballots will be available. At this time the slate is:

President: Greg Lemon (unopposed)
Vice-President: no candidate, may be appointed by president
Secretary: Jane Goldsmith (unopposed)
Treasurer: Brent Kasl (unopposed)
Member-at-Large: David Erickson
(vote for two) Brian Goldsmith
Gary Pence
National Delegate: no candidate, may be appointed by president

Please plan to come and vote or just provide member feedback on the year. Results will either be announced in a special e-mail and/or in the January newsletter.

Kueper To Take On "Flatwater News"

By Barbara Rixstine

Thankfully, the time has come for me to hand over the newsletter reins. Joe Kueper has graciously agreed to become the new editor as of the January issue. I know that you will give him the support you've given me. You can reach him at editorjoe@msn.com.

In the meantime, I have been asked to become communications coordinator for the Friendship Force of Lincoln board. No newsletter – mostly media, so I look forward to that. I look forward to seeing you at events – and NOT having to harass anyone about getting a story in. Keep those stories and pictures comin'! ☺

Plans for 2007?

If you've thought about possible drives, activities, open houses, etc. that you think the club should put on its event schedule, please let Greg Lemon know at glemon@neb.rr.com. A planning meeting will be held sometime early in 2007 and all ideas can go on the table. Even if you can't be at the meeting, don't hesitate to forward ideas. Members make this club go, so if you'd like to go somewhere in particular, let the officers know.

Cars & Parts 4 Sale

For rent: Winter car storage, Indoor car storage – Mead, Nebraska, \$35.00 per month. Chuck Policky 625-2344

For sale ... 1991 Jaguar XJ6 Sovereign Sioux City area asking \$3,500 call Dick Erickson (non-FAHC member) 402-638-2035

For Sale: 1978 MGB, Red with Black top. Good interior and newer top. Newer rear end. Contact: Tim Perry, (402) 570-1382 or (402) 202-9956. \$6,995 or make an offer. (Needs engine work)

For Sale: 5 Bridgestone RE92 tires size 165-65/13 in excellent condition, no wear, great appearance, \$125. Brent Kasl 402-423-4471 or kasl@windstream.net.

For Sale: Complete set up for wire wheels - front suspension (no shocks) - rear end with 3.9 gears (no shocks) drive shaft - sway bar - 5 wheels with tires - \$750 -- nice '69 Midget steering wheel - \$60 -- early Sprite and Midget steering wheels (need repaired) \$25 -- early steel wheels \$15 -- Mk II side curtain Sprite (car is apart) -- 1098cc - no transmission needs floors, transmission tunnel (have sheet metal) and complete front sheet metal - have most parts - \$250 with title -- very rusty '58 studded windshield Sprite \$500 -- with extra good rear sheet metal \$750 with title -- misc. parts for early Sprite and Midget -- tilt system that bolts to hubs - tilts car on side (90 dgs) \$100. Jim Dresser, 103 Wren, Ames Iowa, 50010, 515-233-6864. No e-mail.

FOR SALE: '67 MG Midget rust free, Datsun 5 speed, rebuilt 1275, needs finishing, \$3,750, drive it this fall, finish it this winter. Too many cars, not enough time to take care of them all Jeff Lemon trsnmgs@aol.com 402-421-2823

FOR SALE: I have a 1960 TR3A for sale. I'd appreciate it if you could spread the word. John Ulrich 402-421-9252 (home) (evenings and weekends) 402-429-0027 (cell), 402-436-1170 (school)

All FAHC members may run a British-car related ad for three months; non-members may only run an ad one month.

Castrol/Modern Oil Info

By Greg Lemon

Here is a link to some interesting information on modern oils v. older engines, especially newly rebuilt engines, maybe some could be posted to the next newsletter and or website. Good news is Castrol 20w-50 which many owners use seems to be OK, modern lightweight oils, especially on newly rebuilt motors, bad:

<http://www.ttalk.info/Zddp.htm>

Also a response from Castrol:

"Thank you for contacting Castrol North America.

As indicated on our product packaging, the current engine oil category APISM/ILSAC GF-4 is fully backwards compatible or 'back serviceable' and has been extensively tested. Valve train issues are not anticipated with the use of modern engine oil in older cars of OEM stock configuration. In fact, current SM/GF-4 engine oils are subjected to testing that is far more intensive than engine oils of previous API/ILSAC categories.

To clarify, in general, ZDDP levels have been reduced a small amount in the current category engine oils (API SM/ILSAC GF-4) in compliance with industry regulations that set maximum levels of Sulphur and Phosphorus, but are still at levels that provide ample engine protection.

Special procedures have always been recommended for the proper initial break-in of a new, matched, cam and lifter set; which include the use of a properly formulated cam break-in lubricant paste which typically contains a healthy dose of molybdenum. Engine oil alone is typically insufficient for break-in of a new cam and lifter set, particularly in a vintage engine type built to historic specifications.

In regards to concerns with camshaft failure, Camshaft failure can be attributed to numerous possible causes. Only a thorough analysis of each case can identify the root cause(s) of any failure.

In regards to issues related to flat tappet cams in OLDER performance engines typically known as MUSCLE CARS (NOT modern performance vehicles), we can recommend the following Castrol Products ...

- * GTX 20W-50 (SL,SM)
- * Castrol GTX Diesel 15W-40 (CI4,CH4,CG4,CF4,CF,SL)
- * Castrol GTX High Mileage 20W-50 (SL,SM)
- * Castrol HD 30 (SL,SM)
- * Castrol HD 40 (SL,SM)
- * Castrol Syntec Blend Truck 15W-40 (CI4,CH4,CG4,CF4,CF,SL)(Semi-synthetic)
- * Castrol Tecton Extra 15W-40 (CI4Plus, CI4,CH4,CG4,CF4,SL)
- * Castrol Hypuron S 15W-40 (CI4Plus,CH4,CG4,SL)(Semi-synthetic)

We trust this information addresses your concerns.

Thank you again for your interest in Castrol, The Technology Leader!

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***FAHC
Holiday
Party
Being
Planned***

By Barbara Rixstine

Flatwater's annual party will be in Omaha with a date TBA. We expect the cost will be around \$20.00 per person with **reservations required**. This is payable at the door that evening.

