



Flatwater News

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

February 2006 Calendar:

Feb 9: Jackson's Pub,
Gretna, 6:30 p.m. or so

Feb. 11: Breakfast at
Mahoney State Park,
9 a.m. or so

Feb. 18: Holiday party at
Buzzard Billy's at the
Haymarket in Lincoln. If
you haven't RSVP'd to
Dennis and Jane Stone,
please do so by Feb. 8:
402-397-2385.

Feb. 24: Fish at Elma's
Place in Nehawka

Checked out IMCDB.com yet?

A stepchild of the
resource-rich Internet
Movie Database
(www.imdb.com), the
IMCDB (Internet Movie
Cars Database) lists cars
seen in various movies.
Greg Lemon recom-
mends you check it out
at www.imcdb.com



FAHC Holiday Party Set for Saturday, Feb. 18 in Lincoln's Haymarket

By Dennis and Jane Stone

Flatwater's annual party will be in Lincoln on Saturday, February 18 at Buzzard Billy's, in their Starlight Lounge. The bar opens at 6:30, with dinner at 7:30.

We will be dining on prime rib and grilled chicken with potatoes and rice, Cajun-style mixed vegetables, salad and dressing, bread and butter with tea and water. The bar will be cash only.

Buzzard Billy's is located in the Haymarket at 247 North 8th St. Parking is free on the street or in a nearby parking garage for \$2.00.

The cost is \$20.00 per person with **reservations required**. This is payable at the door that evening.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, Feb. 8 to Dennis Stone at 402-397-2385 or dstone@hdrinc.com. Please note the new email address.

In case of inclement weather, we will reschedule and notify those with reservations. Break up those dark winter evenings and come join us for an evening of fine food and conversation.

Let's all celebrate another year of British motoring.

Driving from Omaha or points east? Take I-80 west to the 9th St. exit and continue into Lincoln; the interstate will merge onto Lincoln's 9th St at about "R" St. Turn right on "R," "Q" or "P" St. and go one block west. Buzzard Billy's is between "P" and "Q" on 8th St.

Driving in from the west? Come in through west "O" St., and take a left on 10th St. Turn left again at "Q" Street and go west to 8th St. There's a lot at 9th and "Q" or you can look for parking on the street.

2006 Events Calendar Ready for Posting

A two-page flyer listing the Flatwater Austin-Healey Club's 2006 schedule of events is included with this newsletter, ready to post on your refrigerator, office file cabinet or wherever it's most helpful.

The event list is taken from the all-club event planning meeting held Sunday, January 22, at the VSP club in Omaha. Approximately 15 people came; ideas both old and new were considered, including those listed on membership forms. Volunteers to lead or help coordinate those events are always needed and appreciated so look the year over and forward your name to president Jim Danielson, jdanielson2003@yahoo.com

Cars & Parts 4 Sale

→ **For sale:** I have TWO unused, Corbeau Classic II Low Back seats for sale. View details at: <http://www.corbeau.com/products/classic2/classic2.shtml>. I paid nearly \$500 with shipping, I will sell both for \$250 firm. They fit in my Spitfire, but only if I did not have the top-bows installed. Since I'm afraid of the rain, I must sell. Mike Nelson, 402-498-4320.

→ **For sale:** One 1978 red convertible MGB. Runs great, looks good, ready for spring fun. Call Ron Juneman, 402-731-3295. Best offer takes.

For Sale: 1960 Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite. In dry storage for many years. In the last two years, the car has been completely broken down, both doors repaired and primed, bonnet completely repaired, engine and transmission removed and over 100 hours have been put into paint removal. Please email Ron Bonnstetter at rjb@unl.edu or, even better, call his cell phone at (402) 423-9138. Check out the For Sale section on the club website to see photos:

www.flatwater.org.

For Sale: Tim Creger has a lot of Sprite and Midget parts for very affordable costs, maybe even free. Look for the full list on the message board or in the for sale section on our website or contact Tim at 402-466-3968 or e-mail him at cregers5@inebraska.com

→ means the ad is new

☒ means last time in newsletter.

✍ means one-time ad

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

Delegate's Report

By Barbara Rixstine, National Delegate

Plans continue for the 2006 Austin-Healey Club of America (AHCA) annual conclave in Akron, Ohio, June 18 to 22. Check out information at : www.northeastohioaustinhealey.com or, for information on the AHCA, www.serve.com/AHCA.

Even if you're not a Healey driver, consider joining the AHCA to support the national group that provides us insurance.

See you on the road!

Treadmarks

By Jim Danielson,
FAHC president



The FAHC 2006 event schedule is now relatively complete and I want to thank all those coming to the Jan. 22 event planning meeting for all their comments, advice, counsel, support and leadership. Particular thanks go to the other Events committee members – Matt Gelvin, Joe Guinan and Greg Lemon.

This is a club that goes places and does things – racing, tours, long drives, short drives, food get-togethers – you name it and I'm proud to be a part of a group with so much interest in getting our LBCs out there.

And speaking of getting out there, Steve Witt's Speedway Motors Tour brought out around 60 people showed up on Saturday morning the 21st for a tour of this great museum. Wow, what a great way to start off the year.

We've got a new club calendar for you this issue. Please take a moment to put it up on your refrigerator, file cabinet or wherever it will get on your "radar." I can't tell you how many times someone has lamented to me that they missed an event of interest because they didn't look at the calendar. This is the time to get that "radar" up and running for 2006.

We've now got so many members that it's hard to keep 'em straight without a scorecard. A 2006 FAHC member directory is in the works, which will include members' names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses and type of car(s). If you **do not** want some part – or all – of this information listed in the directory, let membership director Gary Lien know at gslie@tconl.com or give him a call at 402-496-8827.

Another way we're trying to keep track of people is with individual name tags, made by our very own Greg Copeland. Tags will have a club logo, your name hometown and a space for a picture of your car and cost \$5. Contact Greg at copeland62@cox.net if you're interested.

Welcome to Barbara Rixstine as the new National Delegate. Barbara is also interim newsletter editor and chairs the Public Relations Committee.

February 18th is holiday party time. Reservations need to be in by Wednesday February 8th. Come join the over fifty members already signed up to go to Buzzard Billy's in Lincoln's Haymarket.

See you at the party. Jim



Flatwater Austin-Healey Club 2006 Events Calendar

January

- 12 – Jackson’s Pub
- 14 – Breakfast at Mahoney
- 22 – Events Planning Meeting (VSP Club, Omaha)
- 27 – FISH

February

- 9 – Jackson’s Pub
- 11 – Breakfast at Mahoney
- 18 – FAHC Annual Party – Buzzard Billy’s in Lincoln
- 24 – FISH

March

- 3 – Officers mtg, host: Don Petrick
- 9 – Jackson’s Pub
- 11 – Breakfast at Mahoney
- 12 – Swap Meet, State Fairgrounds
- 17 – Lincoln get-together, TBA
- 31 – FISH

April

- 3 – Officers mtg, host: Greg Lemon
- 8 – Breakfast at Mahoney
- 13 – Jackson’s Pub
- 15-16 – Trip to Excelsior Springs, MO
- 21 – Lincoln get-together
- 22-23 -- *SCCA Road Racing, Mid-America Motorsports*
- 28 – FISH

May

- 1 – Officers’ mtg, host: Brian/Jane Goldsmith
- 7 – Funkhana - Lincoln
- 11 – Jackson’s Pub
- 13 – Breakfast at Mahoney – Ride-Along
- 19 – Lincoln get-together
- 26 – FISH
- 27 through June 4 – *Drive Your British Car Week*

June

- 1-4 – *Drive Your British Car Week*
- 5 -- Officers mtg, host: Joe Guinan
- 8 – Jackson’s Pub
- 9-11 – Heartland MG Regional --KC
- 10 – Breakfast at Mahoney
- 16 – Lincoln get-together
- 18-22 – AHCA Conclave – Akron, Ohio
- 18 – Father’s Day Speed Run – North Omaha Airport
- 21-25 – *MG 2006 -- Gatlinburg, Tennessee*
- 30 – FISH

Items in italic are non-club events

Culver’s Car Show in Lincoln

Each Friday evening at 7, Lincoln’s Culver’s-South restaurant has an informal car show with lots of antique autos. This is a non-club event, that all are welcome to attend.

July

- 3 -- Officers mtg, host: Brian/Jane Goldsmith
- 8 – Breakfast at Mahoney – Key exchange
- 9 – Drag Races at Mid-America Motorsports
- 9-23 – *VTR Nat’l Conv – Las Colinas, TX*
- 13 – Jackson’s Pub
- 14-16 – *Elkhart Lake Vintage Races, Elkhart, WI*
- 20-23 – *Metro Owners Club Regional Meet, Lincoln*
- 21 – Lincoln get-together
- 28 – FISH
- 28-30 – Trip to Lake Okoboji, Iowa

August

- 6 – Founder’s Autocross
- 7 -- Officers mtg, host: Barbara Rixstine
- 10 – Jackson’s Pub
- 12 – Breakfast at Mahoney
- 18 – Lincoln get-together
- 19 – Drive-in movie night, Council Bluffs
- 25 – FISH

September

- 2-3 – *All British Car Show – Kansas City, Mo.*
- 9 – Breakfast at Mahoney
- 11 – Officers mtg, host: Jim Danielson
- 14 – Jackson’s Pub
- 15 – Lincoln get-together
- 16-17 – *Colorado Conclave*
- 17 – Drive to Applejack Festival, Nebraska City
- 24 – Winery Tour, southeast Nebraska
- 29 – FISH
- 30 - Time/Speed/Distance Rally and BBQ - Lincoln

October

- 1 – FAHC All-British Car Show, Lincoln
- 9-15 – *SCCA Runoffs - Topeka, Kansas*
- 12 – Jackson’s Pub
- 14 – Breakfast at Mahoney
- 15 – Loess Hills Fall Color Drive
- 20 – Lincoln get-together
- 22 – Fall Color Drive
- 27 – FISH

November

- 9 – Jackson’s Pub
- 11 – Breakfast at Mahoney
- 12 – Garage Tour

December

- 1 -- FISH
- 9 – Breakfast at Mahoney
- 14 – Jackson’s Pub

We combine the end-of-the-month Fish event into one event the first Friday of December.

Event Information

AHCA CONCLAVE, June 18-21:

The Austin-Healey Club of America's national conclave is in Akron, Ohio this year from June 19 through 21. Caravanning? Let Jim Danielson know.

BREAKFAST AT MAHONEY:

We meet the second Saturday of every month at the Mahoney State Park for breakfast. First one there about 9 a.m. This year, there'll be two special drives after breakfast. A Ride-along May 13 and a Key Exchange July 8 give members a chance to drive or at least experience another type of car.

BROWNVILLE DRIVE, April 29

Lead: Barbara Rixstine and Joe Guinan

Brownville's annual celebration is April 28-29 and FAHC participates with a Sunday drive. Lots going on, including a new bookstore and restaurant.

DRAG RACES AT MID-AMERICA July 9:

More info to come later.

DRIVE YOUR BRITISH CAR WEEK June 1-4:

A national week set aside to our little cars.

DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT, August 19:

Lead: Gerry and Chrissy Conant, with Grace's help

Council Bluffs has one of the last drive-in theatres and it can be fun – if the film doesn't break.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS TRIP April 15-16:

Lead: Joe Guinan

New event! A nice one- or two-night tour down to the Elms Hotel in Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

FAHC ALL-BRITISH SHOW Sept. 31-Oct 1:

Lead: All officers

Two-day show starting Sat., Sept. 31. A time/speed/distance rally starts it off, with a barbecue afterward, both for any non-FAHC clubs that want to participate. Sunday is the Big Show at the Lincoln Public Schools' parking lot at 62nd and "O" Streets.

FISH:

We meet the last Friday of the month, except in November and December. 6:30 or later.

FOUNDER'S AUTOCROSS August 6:

Lead: Dennis Stone

An annual event held at Southeast Community College in Lincoln. Volunteers and drivers needed!

FUNKHANA May 7:

Lead: Rich and Pam Brunke

This is a car event that's hard to explain but a lot of fun to do. Watch for more information.

GARAGE TOUR November 12:

Leads: Joe Guinan, Rod Chvatal

How do people "do" their garages? Let Joe Guinan know if you want to be on the list.

HEARTLAND MG SHOW June 9-11:

Lead: Jim Danielson

This is a perennial favorite with a new location this year outside Kansas City, near the Cabela's store, restaurants and shopping. We always leave with an award or two. Make plans to caravan down on Friday afternoon.

JACKSON'S PUB:

We meet the second Thursday of every month at Jackson's Pub in Gretna, just off Highway 6, from about 6:30 to whenever the last one leaves.

KC ALL-BRITISH SHOW Sept. 2-3:

Lead: Jim Danielson

Another perennial favorite, held at the Airport Marriott outside Kansas City on Labor Day weekend.

LOESS HILLS TOURS Oct 15 and 22:

Lead:

This is an annual favorite. This year it's done twice so everyone can get at least one on their calendars.

MG 2006 CONCLAVE June 21-25

Lead: Jim Danielson

Every-five-year MG show. Check the website for more info: www.mg2006.com/

METRO OWNERS MEET July 20-23:

FAHC members Tim Clark and Brad Swiggart are hosting the national Metro Owners conclave in Lincoln. More details to come.

NO. OMAHA AIRPORT SPEED RUN June 18:

Lead: Joe Guinan

Held last year at Scribner, the Speed Run is back at the North Omaha airport on Father's Day

OKOBOJI TRIP July 29-30:

Lead: Matt Gelvin

Probably a two-night trip. Let Matt Gelvin know your druthers at gelma62@aol.com.

SCCA ROAD RACING April 22-23:

More info to come

SCCA RUNOFFS/TOPEKA Oct. 9-15:

More info to come

SWAP MEET March 12

We're not doing the o'dark hundred shift this year, but we are hosting a booth to meet potential British car owners, drivers and devotees. Volunteers needed!

VTR CONCLAVE July 19-23, Las Colinas, TX

Annual Vintage Triumph Registry show. Check the VTR website for details: www.vtr.org.

WINERY TOUR, Southeast Nebraska:

Lead: Jim and Teresa Morgan

Lots of little wineries in southeast Nebraska and lots of curvy roads.



Membership Profile

By Barbara Rixstine

Mike Brookhauser is a relatively new member of the club, joining in 2005. Shown here with his four-year-old golden retriever Maggie, Mike is the owner of this racing Mini which he bought last fall. Thanks for being a member, Mike!



Membership Profile

By Barbara Rixstine

Fred and DeeDee Holbert are long-time members of both FAHC and Her Majesty's Royal Nebraska Patrol. They have a BJ8 and were on the 2005 Loess Hills tour in their Chrysler. Thanks for being members Fred and DeeDee!



The Heartland MG Regional will be held at a new location this year, in the *Cabela's* parking lot at the Village West tourism district located off 1-70 and 1-435 near the Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kansas.

Host hotel is the Hampton Inn and may be contacted at 913-328-1400; ask for the 'Heartland MG Regional' rate.

Also the host club has acquired special room rates for the Great Wolf Lodge, which includes 4 passes per room to their 33,000 square foot indoor water park. They may be contacted at 913-299-7001.

Friday evening is the world famous 'Heartland' social with the car show on Saturday; registration opens at 9:00 am until 10:30 am. Auto display and voting from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. An evening banquet will be held at Dave and Busters in the Village West area and will include the awards ceremony and auction.

Visit the website at www.heartlandmg.com or for further information or questions you may contact: Joe Blackwood, 816-520-2433.

If you have questions on registration please contact: Tommie Camblin at info@heartlandmg.com or by phone at 816.795.9628.

Colorado Car Events This Summer

June 9, 10, 11. Glenwood Springs, Colorado. 54th Annual Rallye Glenwood Springs, sponsored by the MG Car Club, Rocky Mountain Centre, is the oldest continuous event of its kind in the U.S. Spend three days enjoying a time-speed-distance rally, a mountain tour, a funkana, and a Sunday morning car show in the heart of the Colorado Rockies at beautiful, cool Glenwood Springs. For more info, visit the club Web site at www.mgcc.org/rmc.htm.

September 16-17, 2006. Arvada, Colorado. 23rd Annual Colorado English Motoring Conclave. The Ride the Rockies Tour and Conclave car show are not to be missed. On Saturday, tour Colorado during the fall -- blue skies, warm days, and golden aspen covering the mountainsides. At the Sunday Conclave, you can vote by marque for the best of the 600 British cars, trucks, and motorcycles, spread across the green lawn of the park, while picnicking in the shade of century-old cottonwood trees and listening to a Highland Pipe band.

Web address: www.Coloradoconclave.com or Steve Hart, Lakewood, CO, Telephone: 303-985-2763, Fax: 303-930-6068, E-mail: Stephen_Hart45@msn.com

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Smith Collection Tour Jan. 21

by Greg Lemon, vice president

"Awesome." "Didn't know it was so big." "Could have spent the whole day there." These were some of the things overheard as FAHC members slowly drifted out of the Smith Collection at Speedway Motors headquarters in Lincoln on Saturday, Jan. 21.

FAHC club member Steve Witt, also a part-time employee of the Collection, deserves special thanks for organizing and leading the tour. More than 60 members showed up on January 21 to see the Museum.

On display are dozens of historic street and racecars including a Tucker, stock cars, Pikes Peak hill-climbers and Bonneville Salt Flats land speed record cars.

As impressive as the cars are the other auto related displays, pedal cars, toy and model cars, race engines, Model T accessories and hop up gear and, as they say, too much else to list.

Bill Smith founded Speedway Motors in 1952. It is the longest continuously-running speed shop in existence. Smith's passion for hot rods and all things automotive is reflected in his hugely successful mail order parts business and also in his collection of cars, car parts and automobilia, which started as a private collection and has evolved into a world class museum at their 100,000 square ft. purpose-built facility at 340 Victory Lane in Lincoln.

'Good Fish' Is Back at Elma's

by Jim Danielson, president

Elma is back and received a thumbs-up from all 17 people attending last month's Fish event at Nehawka. If you haven't been there in a while, come on back and try it again!