



# Flatwater News

April  
2007

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

## April 2007 Calendar:

### April 2: Monday

Officers Meeting 7p.m.

At Brent and Kay Kasl's  
6818 South 34<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Lincoln, NE

Minutes are posted on the  
Club Web site

### April 12: Thursday

Jackson's Pub, Gretna,  
Hwy 6/31 6:30 p.m. or so

### April 14: Saturday

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

### April 20: Friday

RPP hosts Jim & Dorsey  
Olson at 1007 Farnam St.  
down town Omaha (South  
of the Gene Leahy Mall)  
Watch for an E-mail with  
details.

### April 21: Saturday

Elkhorn Museum 1:30

### April 27: Friday

Fish at Bulldog Bar and  
Grill in Murdock 6:30 p.m.  
Help us prepare -RSVP  
(See page 3)

## MEMBERS ONLY

Meet two new  
members Page 5.

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**DRIVE IT LIKE YOU STOLE IT**  
*FAHC member with an attitude*

## ELKHORN TAULBORG MUSEUM TOUR

The Club kicks off the season with this premier event on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30. This unique event is a must attend for all club members. Mr. Taulborg has collected over 120 autos of 50s - 60s vintage and some very unique British cars to include a Rolls Royce and Jensen Healey. The collection is housed in a series of remodeled dairy barns for appropriate display. All the cars operate and are well maintained in Mr. Taulbborg's body /mechanical shop. Visitors are encouraged to wear walking shoes as there is much to see and it is spread out.

This private tour is a repeat event for our club because it is so popular. If you missed the last one, here is your second chance. Many members who have attended in the past praise this display and plan to attend again this year because they just could not absorb it all the first time. Mr. Taulborg offers this tour with no admission fee but he does accept donations that go to charity. Club members are encouraged to be generous.

Leo and Joanne Thietje will be our hosts for the day and will be at the museum early to direct visitors. Thietjes have also made arrangements for dinner after the tour for those who want to caravan to Hooper and eat at The Office at 5 P.M. Don't forget to thank Leo and Joanne for organizing this fine event. If you have questions. Call Leo at (402) 712-8585

**Directions:** Find Maple Street (Highway 64) coming out of Omaha and follow it to 180th Street. Turn north and continue about 1 1/4 miles through an intersection with at least 2 stop signs. The museum is located on a former dairy farm on the East side of the road.

## MEMBERSHIP NAMETAG



**FLATWATER**  
Austin Healey Club

**Bill  
Smith**

**Member No. 2007-150**

Membership Chairman Gary Lien has designed a new nametag that will be mailed out to the members in April. The nametag should help members get to know each other and the use of a member number will help expedite registration at events.

To encourage the use of the name tags extra participation points will be given to members wearing their name tags.

## Presidential Ponderings

*By Greg Lemon*

We should all be happy with the work of our “Fish People” James and Theresa Morgan, Rich and Pam Brunke, and Dennis and Jane Stone who are setting up the last Friday of the month fish events, we will continue to try out new places until we run out of viable options, then we will make a decision on a permanent location.

I am really looking forward to the tour of the Taulborg Museum in Elkhorn this month, I have heard a lot of good things about this place, and can’t wait to see it. Thanks to Leo and Joanne Thietje for setting this up.

April is the first month for the FAHC RPP and it is being hosted by Jim and Dorsey Olson in down town Omaha on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The FAHC RPP is the Rotating Perpetual Party, and started life as the “Lincoln Event” last year but has morphed into a club region wide event that anyone can host (first time hosts encouraged, the usual suspects gladly tolerated). Third Friday of the month, let me know if you want to do it, we will get you hooked up. A great way to socialize and meet new club members.

We are getting into driving season and spring has sprung with a vengeance (of course by the time you read this that could all change). With the Healey laid up my driving pleasure has been limited to exploring the driving dynamics of the Maxima with a cast iron block from an agricultural long stroke four cylinder in the trunk, which though interesting, just does not compare to wind in the hair smell of Spring and Castrol in the air British Motoring.

Last, but not least, we are very happy to have the Howard Larson setting up a weekend event for us in the South Sioux City area in July, more details elsewhere in the issue, I know it is hard to plan ahead sometimes, but please take a look at your calendars and if this is a go let Howard know so he can plan this thing.

Hope to see you soon. Greg

## PITSTOP

*Newsletter Editor, Joe Kueper*

You must PLAN AHEAD!!!!!!!!!! The Club has many great events scheduled and you won’t want to miss a one. Check the FAHC Calendar and the Other British Events calendar in this issue. Look at all the special events detailed in this issue. Then be like Santa Claus and make your list of events and check it twice. You may even have move your daughters wedding date. She will understand. Won’t she? OK, OK so that is a little extreme however, you get my point.

Howard and Kay Larson have a great time planed for us in Sioux City. (See page 7) Make your reservations now at the Marina Inn if you want a riverside view. I have made mine. The Fish Nights are scheduled in some great small town hot spots. If you know you are going, RSVP to Pam and Theresa so we can help the restaurant prepare for us. Call a Tag Along. (See page 3) These are members who have been to an event in the past or are going this year and are happy to share information and may convoy with you to and from an event. Get your car ready for the Scribner races direct by Joe Guinan in June. Convince your wife or girl friend (not both) that she must drive in the May Funkhanna. Treat your car fever by attending the April Elkhorn Museum tour. So, are you ready? Get your favorite events posted on the family calendar NOW before someone plans a wedding and spoils your fun.

Read and enjoy. I’m going back to the garage.

## FISH FRIDAY

The Bull Dog Bar and Grill in Murdock will be the second stop in our search for a Fish Friday location.

Pam Brunke and Theresa Morgan report that the Bull dog bar and grill at 301 Nebraska Street has good food. This is another small town establishment so it is prudent to give them some warning. RSVP please.

**Call Pam 402-438-3330 or Theresa at 402-944 or contact James & Theresa Morgan - [jm93552@alltel.net](mailto:jm93552@alltel.net) Dennis & Jane Stone - [janes\\_54@msn.com](mailto:janes_54@msn.com) Rich & Pam Brunke - [p\\_brunke@yahoo.com](mailto:p_brunke@yahoo.com)**

Murdock is North just off Highway 1 about half way between Omaha and Lincoln.

If you know of a location that might make a good "Fish Friday" place call Pam or Theresa so we can try it.

## MEMBERS GOING PLACES TAG ALONG

Have you ever wanted to go to an event and wish you could talk to someone who had been there before or hook up with some one who was going? Here is your chance. The following members are attending some special events and are willing to share information or caravan with others who might want to go as well. If you are going to an event and are willing to share the experience with other Club Members, tell us and we'll list you for a Tag along.

**May 18-20-** SVRA at Road America, Elkhart Lake. This is "MOTRAH" Morgan, Triumph and Austin Healey. Call Bill Redinger 402-496-2006

**June 2** Beaverdale British Euro Auto Fest 1-4 P.M. Get to know the folks in Des Moines with the Iowa British Car Club. Call Bill Redinger 402-496-2006.

**June 8-10** – Ride through the Rocky Mountains and enjoy the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Glenwood Rallye. Call Joe Kueper 402-592-3132

**July 19-22-** Go to Road America at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin for a Vintage Race weekend. This is a big one. Room reservations are going fast, 13 signed up so far. Call ASAP John Ulrich 402-421-9252

**October 12-14-** End the season at the 2007 SCCA Runoffs at Heartland Park in Topeka Kansas. This is a racing fans dream – close by and affordable. Jay says rooms will be hard to find so book early. More on this one later. Call Jay Fluehr 402-334-0509

## Healey Werks

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Car Show 5May  
Sioux City, Iowa**

*FREE Show Shirt and  
registration if you signup by  
14 April.*

*Forms available at:  
[www.healeywerks.com/20th](http://www.healeywerks.com/20th)  
or call 800-251-2113*

*Show time is 10:30am- 4:00pm*

*The club with the most exhibitors  
gets an award. Let's go and get some  
bling bling!*

## TEXAS JUSTICE

*By Barb Rixstine*

Two FAHC members were driving their TR-6 through Texas headed to a SCCA race when they got pulled over by a State Trooper. The cop walked up to the side of the car, pulled out his nightstick. Then WHACK, the cop cracked the driver in the head with his nightstick. "What the hell was that for?" the driver asked. "You're in Texas, son," the trooper answered. "When we pull you over in Texas, you better have your license ready by the time we get to your car." "I'm sorry, officer," the driver said, "I'm not from around here." The trooper runs a check on the guy's license--he's clean and gives the guy his license back.

The trooper then walks around to the passenger side and "WHACK"; the trooper cracks him on the head with the nightstick. "What'd you do that for???" the passenger demands. "Just making your wish come true," replied the trooper. "Making WHAT wish come true?" the passenger asked. "Because I know your type." the trooper says, "Two miles down the road you're gonna turn to your buddy and say, "I wish that jerk would've tried that shit with me."

## OTHER BRITISH CAR EVENTS 2007

### April

7 - Jupiter, FL - "Wheels Across The Pond 07"  
20-21 - Pensacola, FL - "Brits On The Bay"  
20-22 - Dobson, NC - "The Gathering"  
(Triumphs)  
22 - Williamsburg, VA - Brit/Euro Car Show  
20-27 - San Antonio, TX "Healey Round-Up"  
29 - Alexandria, VA "Britain On the Green"  
29- KC British Swap Meet 8A.M. until?

### May

5 - Succasunna, NJ - "Britfest 2007"  
6 - Richmond, VA - British Classic Car Meet  
11-13 - Townsend, TN - "Springtime in the Smokies"  
18-21 - Elkhart Lake - "MOTRAH 07"  
18-20 - Santa Ynez, CA - "North Meets South"  
Meet"  
19 - Rome, GA - "British Motor Car Day"  
19 - Raleigh, NC - "Triangle British Classic Car Show"  
19-20 - Dublin, OH - British Car Day XXIII  
25-27 - Champaign, IL - "Champaign British Car Festival"  
26 - 6/03 - "Drive Your British Car Week"

### June

2 - Beavertdale, IA Brit/Euro Auto Fest Des Moines 1-4 P.M.  
2 - Norfolk, VA - "Brits on the Bay"  
2-4 - Hallett, OK, MG Vintage Racers  
3 - Perrysburg, OH - "The British Return to Fort Meigs"  
3 - Adamstown, MD - "The Original British Car Day"  
3 - Clinton, NJ - "Red Mill British Car Day"  
3 - Waterford, CT - "British By The Sea"  
8-9 - Overland Park, KS - "Heartland MG Regional"  
8-10 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Glenwood Springs Rallye, Colorado  
8-10 - Lake Tahoe "Open Roads 2007"  
10 - Hellertown, PA - "British Motorcar Gathering"  
10 - New Carlisle, IN "Michiana British Car Day"  
16- SCCA races Heartland Park  
17 - Sussex, WI - "British Car Field Day"  
17 - Cazenovia, NY - "Eurocar & British 2007"  
21-24- Road America, SCCA June Sprints, Elkhart Lake  
23-24 - Castine, ME - "British & Classic Car Rallyfest"  
27-30 Staunton, VA - "Jensen East Int'l Meet"

### July

7 - SCCA races Heartland Park  
7-8 - Hickory Corners, MI - "Mad Dogs and Englishmen"  
8 - Gettysburg, PA - "British Invade Gettysburg"  
10-12 - Hood River, OR - "Mini Meet West"  
14 - Indianapolis, IN - "London To Brighton Run"  
14- John C Fremont Days car show and BBQ at Thietje's  
15 - Cincinnati, OH - "British Car & Bike Show"  
16-20 Richland, WA - "AH Rendezvous"  
16-20 - Sonoma County, CA. - NAMGBR 2007  
17-21 - Valley Forge, PA - "Vintage Triumph Register National Convention"  
19-22 July Elkhart Lake, WI, Road America Vintage races  
21 - Bucks County, PA - "MG/Mini Club Polo Match"  
22 - Saskatoon, SAS - "Brits by the Bus"  
22 - Howe, IN - "Tea At The Vicarage"  
23-37 - Whistler, BC - "2007 NAMGR GT"  
28 - Pepper Pike, OH - "British Car Day XXI"  
29 - Lakewood, NJ - "Positive Earth Drivers Club Car Show"

### August

2-4 - Bennington, VT - "MG's in Bennington"  
4 - Schwenksville, PA - "Pennypacker Mills British Car Day"  
4 - Dayton, OH - "23rd British Car Day"  
10 - Pocono Manor, PA - "The MG Drive - In"  
18 SCCA races Heartland Park  
23-26 Historic Sports Car Races, Autobahn Country Club, Joliet, IL.  
26 - Rothsville, PA - "A Taste of Britain"  
7-9 - Hiawasse, GA - "Southeastern Fall GOF" (MG)

### September

1 - KC All British Car and Cycle Show  
8 - Pasadena, MD - "Brits By The Bay"  
14-15 - Fayetteville, AR - "Brits In The Ozarks"  
15-17 Elkhart lake, WI. Vintage Festival  
USCDA  
21-22 - Indianapolis, IN - "Indy British Motor Days"  
29 - Bel Air, MD - "MGs On the Rocks"

### October

19-21 - Spartanburg, SC - "Tribute to the AH"  
6 - Winona Lake, IN - "Fall Out 2007"  
6 - Tinicum Park, PA - "British Festival and Polo Match"  
6-7 - Janesville, WI - "British Reliability Run"  
6-7 - Massillon, OH - "British Reliability Run"  
8-14 SCCA Runoffs at Heartland Park - Topeka  
28 - Scottsdale, AZ - "All British and European Car Day"

### November

### December

**NEED PARTS? KC Swap meet Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 8 A.M. Until?**

**Host Site: Hurst Import Car Service, 13208 East 40 Highway, Independence MO.**



## MEMBERS ONLY

*By Joe Kueper*



Welcome new members **Larry and Kristi Simodynes from Papillion, NE**

Larry heard about FAHC and decided to meet the guys at Jackson's Pub to see if we were a bunch of "stuffed shirts". He joined the club so the members must have made a good impression or our stuffed shirt members didn't show up that night. Larry has a 68 Triumph Spitfire he bought while in college. He and Kristi even used it as their get away car at their wedding. The car was disassembled in 1986 for restoration. Since then Larry built and outfitted two monster garages for the project. Larry has some serious toys and needs to be put on the next garage tour. So far the engine is rebuilt, the chassis sand blasted and painted and boxes of organized and labeled parts prepped for reassembly. He saved the repair and painting of the body for last. Watch for Larry at club events. Welcome him and encourage him to finish his long overdue project so he can join us on the road.

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Welcome new members **Jerry and JoAnn Petet from West Point Nebraska**. Jerry had an MG Midget in his younger days but he thought a full sized MGB would now be more comfortable. He tracked a deal on a 74 MGB and bought it when he thought the price was right. He admits now that he got what he paid for. The B is drivable with a nonsmoking engine however, a closer look reveals that the car has been molested pretty badly. Past owners have cobbled every system, especially the wiring, in unimaginable ways. Jerry now finds himself with a rolling restoration project. He is a no stranger to wrenching however; some of the British car anomalies (Lucas and SU) have him scratching his head. The story takes a positive turn as FAC member Howard Larson recruited Jerry into our Club where he can get some support

Jerry's participation will be slim for a while, partially because he needs to get the car into reliable condition. The other part is due to his demanding job. He runs a dredge at Wisner nine months of the year with only Sundays to play. The good news is he has all winter off so he can spend quality time with his restoration. Watch for Jerry and JoAnn at our Sunday events and offer your support to help him get on the road and make the most of the events they can attend.



## **GET READY FOR THE MAIN EVENTS**

### **MAY**

### **FUNKHANA!!!!!!!!!!!!**

*Hosted by Rich & Pam Brunke & Dennis & Jane Stone.*

Flatwater's first driving event this year will be held on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a new day and time for this 3<sup>rd</sup> Funkhana that many of you have asked for. The location is the same, Rich & Pam's business parking lot at 20<sup>th</sup> and Yolanda, which is one block south off the Cornhusker Highway in Lincoln.

This might be the first outing for our cars this year, unless you are one of those lucky enough to have gotten an early afternoon or evening drive in already. So, let's tune up those cars, give them a shine and come on out and join us for an afternoon of guaranteed fun. We will have 7 skill stations for the drivers to test their abilities on. We have added a couple of new ideas this year along with our old favorites. This is not a speed event and just basic car handling skills are all that is required.

We would also like to encourage more women to give the course a try again this year. The first year five women gave the course a try and they did well. Last year it was a bit nippy, and the women sensibly declined. Let's keep our fingers crossed for better weather this year. We will run the Funkhana no matter what the weather is like.

We will plan on starting at 1:00pm. With every car and driver getting at least one run through and more runs if time permits.

Pam and Jane have planned on snacks and drinks to keep us sustained during the afternoon.



More details and driving directions to the location will be provided next month. If you have further questions or if you would just like to volunteer and help us run the cars through the stations give a call to either Rich 438-3330 or Dennis at 397-2385

Do mark your calendars for that Saturday and think about coming on down and check out the fun. If you don't want to drive that's okay, spectators are always welcome.

**STEVE BRYANT READY TO GO - Photo by Greg Copeland**

### **JUNE**

### **SCRIBNER AIRPORT RUN**

Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> you can put the peddle to the metal and not worry about watching the rear view mirror for a state trooper chasing you with his lights on and his siren screaming. Find out how your car performs and what you can do with your car. Beat the clock. Beat your best time and your competition. New this year will be orientation rides for a good orientation. Get ready now. Tune up your car, check your braking system, tires and suspension for the safety inspection and optimum operation. Complete details will be in May newsletter. For questions contact Joe Guinan.



**ON YOUR MARK – GET SET...**



## JUNE

## KANSAS CITY HERE WE COME



The 18th Annual Heartland MG Regional British car show will be on June 8 and 9th. The host hotel is the Holiday Inn - Mission/Overland Park and the traditional Friday night cookout will be in their parking lot from 6 PM to 8 PM. The show will be on Saturday at the Santa Fe Commons Park in downtown Overland Park, Kansas.

There are three new items this year to share. First, there will be a pancake breakfast offered at the park Saturday morning. Each first vehicle on the registration form gets one free ticket. Additional tickets will be available for \$5 each. Second, there will be an awards ceremony shortly after the show with no awards banquet that evening. Third, they are bringing the poster back. For more details check out the new web site <http://www.heartlandmgregional.com/>

FAHC will organize caravans for those who want to travel down with the Club. In addition, FAHC will be running a fun-driving event similar to event they ran last year. Watch for more details in the May issue.

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## JULY

## SIoux CITY WEEKEND

Plan ahead and circle the dates 6-8 July for a great getaway weekend. FAHC members Howard and Kay Larson are organizing a great weekend for the Club. The events will include a cruise through Ponca State Park in Northeast Nebraska. The scenery there is beautiful with views of the Missouri river appearing like it did when Lewis and Clark came through the area 200 years ago. How about a wine tasting at a local area winery or a genuine ice cream soda at an old-fashioned soda fountain? It's all on the list. Not enough? Come see a life size carving of The Last Supper carved by an area artist who was offered \$1 million ..... and refused. Email Howard Larson at [beahusker@aol.com](mailto:beahusker@aol.com) now. Make reservations for July 6 and 7 at The Marina Inn, South Sioux City. Discount prices of \$79 per night (plus tax) have been offered to the club with river side view rooms promised ..... just mention the Flatwater Austin Healey Club when making your reservations. The phone number is 1-800-798-7980.



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### **WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**

There has been a lot of buying and selling of the rights to names of different British Marques making it hard to keep up with where to look for resurrected models. Here is the current scorecard.

BMW still owns the rights to Austin Healey, Triumph and Riley. Ford, who currently owns Jaguar, recently bought the rights to the marque name Rover from BMW.

The Nanjing Automobile Corporation (NAC) China bought certain assets from MG Rover Group. NAC MG is going to start building a new model MG TF 2 –seater sports car for sale in the United Kingdom and China. Production will resume at the UK Longbridge plant in the Spring 2007. We are not sure what the oriental influence on design might be.



**Perhaps MGA-240 Z?**



