



Flatwater News

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

January 2007 Calendar:

Jan 1: HAPPY NEW
YEAR!

Jan 8: Officers Meeting
3030 Williamsburg Dr.
7:30 p.m.

Jan 11: Jackson's Pub,
Gretna, 6:30 p.m. or so

Jan. 13: Breakfast at
Mahoney State Park,
9 a.m. or so

Jan 27: Holiday Party
Omaha, 5:30 p.m. till

HOLIDAY PARTY Caniglia's Venice Inn 6920 Pacific St.

Sat, January 27th
5:30 p.m. until?



New Editor

Joe Kueper

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pictures, stories and
newsletter ideas to:

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President's First Column

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New Officers Elected, Lemon President

By Joe Guinan

Fourteen FAHC members held a brief meeting as they waited anxiously for the 2007 Election results. The election committee tallied the votes December 10th Sunday afternoon at the Loren Eiseley Library in Lincoln. The committee opened the returned envelopes, shuffled them and then counted votes on 64 Ballots.

Candidate for **President**, Greg Lemon, ran unopposed but earned 94% of the votes which marked a solid endorsement from the members.

The **Vice President** position had no candidates in the running however, 11 people received "write-in" votes. They will be contacted in order of the number of votes they received to see if any are willing and able to serve as Vice President.

While no one ran for the position of **National Delegate**, 7 people received "write-ins". Jim Danielson received the most, but declined the office. Terry Davis was second, and accepted the office.

Secretary Jane Goldsmith ran unopposed and was reelected with 94% of the votes. Several signed but unmarked ballots were received back from the members.

Likewise new comer Brent Kasl running unopposed for **Treasurer** received the near unanimous vote of confidence from the members.

Highest vote getters in the **Member - At - Large** category were Brian Goldsmith and Gary Pence.

The Election Committee, Joe Guinan, Gerry Conant and Matt Gelvin thank all those who participated in the election process. We encourage you to express your appreciation to your new officers and support them as they guide our club through another fun filled year of events.

Annual Holiday Party

Circle Saturday January 27th on your Calendars for the Holiday party where we will celebrate 2006 and start 2007. The participant point winners from 06 will be announced and the new Club officers will be introduced. This is a great opportunity to get to connect with friends you haven't seen since top down weather disappeared. It is also a good time to start the 2007 event planning process.

This year the party is at Caniglia's Venice Inn in Omaha. Each active member will be mailed an invitation with details and selections for your RSVP. The menu includes appetizers, a choice from 4 entrees, and more.

If you haven't received your invitation by the 15th of January contact our Secretary Jane Goldsmith 712-566-2400 / gold@stratmail.com

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WANTED WINTER PROJECTS

Contact the editor with information about your winter projects. You don't have to do the writing just the wrenching. Share with the other members your trials, tribulations, dreams and successes. You may even attract that extra pair of hands you need to get your project finished. It will make the winter go faster.

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Delinquent?

You may be one of 30 who haven't paid their membership dues. If you are, this will be your last newsletter. Don't miss out.

If in doubt call Gary Lien
402-496-8827.

Presidential Ponderings

I would like to thank the club for entrusting me with the stewardship that is the presidential office, I refer to it as that because I and the other officers will be entrusted with keeping the club going as the dynamic and vital organization it has always been. To that end I would like thank last years officer's for doing that task so well, outgoing president Jim Danielson, national delegate and newsletter editor Barbara Rixstine, and officer at large and chair of the election committee, Joe Guinan, and thanks to the election committee members Jerry Conant and Matt Gelvin as well.

As long as we are handing out thanks I would also like to thank Jane Goldsmith for taking on the task of booking and planning our holiday party of the 27th of January (details elsewhere in the newsletter).

I am looking forward to serving as president this year, and one of the first orders of business will be the event planning meeting, which has yet to be set, but will probably be held in late January or early February, all members are encouraged to attend and share ideas.

We will also need to find a new place for the popular monthly event simply known to the members as Fish, last Friday of the month, but where?

PITSTOP

Newsletter Editor, Joe Kueper

When I returned a call from Joe Guinan he told me he was looking for people who were interested in running for club officer positions. I back peddled as quick as I could and made my excuses. You know the list; not enough time, couldn't make the meetings etc. Then I made the fatal mistake of telling him that if I did anything for the club it would be to edit the newsletter when I retired in 5 years and that I couldn't do it now because of the monthly commitment. Joe jumped on that like a bass on a June bug. He said I don't want to run for an office either. Why don't I help you put the newsletter together. This will be easy. I'll back you up. He sounded convincing and I said sure. Two big guys like us can do the work of one little girl (Barb Rixstine past editor for what ? 12 years?) So, I agreed and haven't heard from Joe Guinan since. And that is how you got a new editor and phantom assistant editor for your newsletter.

The format won't change as it has served us well and I see no reason to mess with success. Club business will take priority along with the calendar of events and after event stories. My goals are to be complete, precise and timely in the newsletter reporting and to presenting the newsletter in concours condition. On the other hand you may find my "Git-er done" style a bit relaxed and hopefully fun. I love to play with my toys which translates into driving, and wrenching on little British cars. That is what Joe Guinan and I have in common and we will try to find ways to share those aspects with you through the activities of your fellow members. See page 3. **GARAGE TALK**

Please take the time to thank Barb Rixstine for her past service as our editor. She has done a great job.

Nebraska Defeats Colorado 41-1

By Joe Kueper

Jim Danielson lead Nebraska in a solid thrashing of Colorado and a first place finish with his 69MGC at the 2006 Colorado British Car Conclave.

It was a beautiful sunny but brisk morning when Jim, with Joe and Linda Kueper in their 80 MGB, turned into the show site at Oak Park in Arvada. Jim had spent an hour that morning trying to wipe the road grime off his recently restored 1969 MGC. The car had endured the 550 mile trip across Nebraska, a 100+ mile rally through the mountains, rain showers and a wind storm the previous night that filled the dash with fine sand and dust. Jim had also been informed that he would be competing with the chrome bumper B's since his was the only MGC in the show.

Jim wove his way through a maze of British Marques and past a long line of MGs with Colorado plates. It was obvious that they had just left the protection of local garage or one of the enclosed trailers parked nearby. Jim, the lone Chrome bumper Nebraska entry, found one of the few remaining parking spaces and set up at the far end of the field next to the rubber bumper B's.

Throughout the day a fair number of people found Jim at the end of the line and admired his MGC but at the end of the day when the crowd began to thin and the awards were being handed out Jim was not optimistic. Jim and Joe were discussing an early departure to make Mondays drive home a little easier. However, when the award team moved toward the MGB's they decided to stay out of curiosity.

Joe offered a polite applause as the third and second place winners were announced. Jim was distracted with his attention elsewhere to the point that he did not even recognize his name being called out for the first place win. As Joe slapped Jim on the back and congratulated him a look of astonishment washed over Jim's face as he realized he had won first place.

Still numb from what had occurred Jim stumbled back to his car with his ribbon in hand and immediately called his wife. "Barbara ! I won! I won first place!" he exclaimed as his eyes misted over. Later that night while celebrating over a bottle of wine Jim observed that the victory was particularly sweet as he had beaten all the trailer queens.



Jim Danielson 1st place MGB/C Chrome Bumper

Editors note: As FAHC members we all know Jim as a winner and a first place guy for his leadership as our past President and the success of our Club. Congratulate Jim for his performance both on and off the field of competition.

GARAGE TALK

This column dedicated to anyone who has a scant interest in how our British cars run and how to keep them that way so they can enjoy driving them. Your contributions of questions, answers or other information are required. Send it to the editor.

Q. I'm storing my car where mice may get into it. I set out mousetraps and used mothballs. Is there a better alternative?

A. Ask your wife to get you some original scented Bounce which is a pleasant smelling fabric softener. It comes in small sheets and goes in the dryer with your clothes. Mice don't like the smell but you will. Place several sheets in your car on the floor front and back. Get the original scented Bounce no substitutes.

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