

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

**March 2009 Calendar:**

**2 Monday**

Officer's Meeting  
Parker's Smoke House  
Hwy 6/63, 7 p.m.

**12 Thursday**

Pub Nite  
Parker's Smoke House  
the new place  
Hwy 6/63 6:30 p.m.

**21 Saturday**

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

**27 Friday**

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April Newsletter  
Deadline  
Wednesday March 25th



**Rare British Wolseley Joins Flatwater Family**

*By Jim Danielson*

One of only 57 Wolseley Hornet MKIIs has moved to Nebraska. It is thought that only three reside in North America and perhaps only 10 in the world. It was part of a special run of Wolseleys manufactured to be given away as part of an advertising campaign in 1965. The car was recently purchased by member Brad Swiggart at the Barrett-Jackson auction in Arizona. It is a great looking car and fun to drive, but Brad has plans to make it even better. You can see more of the car on display at the B-J web site by selecting the Phoenix sale.

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## THINGS TO DO IN MARCH

### Speedway Motors Tour – Lincoln Saturday March 28 Sign up now!!!

Bob Shaw teamed up with Sean Cahill and the Porsche Club to take a group through the Museum of American Speed. Sean has booked a tour for the Porsche Club for 80 people and invited FAHC members to join in the fun on Saturday 28 March starting at 9: A.M.

The Museum of American Speed in Lincoln has a marvelous collection of racecars, racing engines, heads, manifolds and other racing memorabilia. It is a rarity to find an old miller racecar that has run at Indianapolis, the Woods Brother's Mercury #21 that was driven by, among others, A.J. Foyt, and a Tucker. This just scratches the surface of what is on display.



The museum is a non-profit corporation founded in 1992 by "Speedy" Bill and Joyce Smith. It was formed to present a continuous chronology of automotive Racing Engine and Speed Equipment development. The collection results from the Smith's personal involvement with racing and hot rods, and their lifelong passion for collecting and preserving racing and automotive history.

Bill and Joyce have first hand knowledge of racing and performance history as they have actively raced and sold speed and power equipment for over 50 years. Bill's five decades of experience began in the 1940's when he raced roaring roadsters on the half-mile county fair tracks. In the 50's and 60's he raced dragsters, stock cars, NASCAR, modifieds, and sprint cars.

The 1970's were a memorable decade for Bill as he raced Champ dirt cars and sprint cars with driver's known as the original "Outlaw" racers. They won races from coast to coast including the Sprint Car Nationals, and the Hulman 100. Bill's winning ways continued during the 1980's and 90's when he raced AIS Indy cars, Pikes Peak's cars, and Bonneville Streamliners. Driving legends such as Tiny Lund, Jan Opperman, Larry Dickson, Ron Shuman, and Doug Wolfgang were some of the 90+ drivers to have raced the "4x" car for "Speedy" Bill Smith. Automobile Magazine calls this collection a must see for any serious automotive enthusiast.

Tickets are \$10 per person and reservations are being taken on a first come first serve basis until they are gone. Remember if you RSVP and are a no show, you still owe the money. Claim your tickets at the door bring cash and come a little early since the tour starts at 9 A.M. sharp. To reserve your spot or if you have questions call Sean at 402-239-1238 or e-mail him at [WldRvr@aol.com](mailto:WldRvr@aol.com)

**DIRECTIONS: The Museum is located across the parking lot from Speedway Motors at 340 Victory Lane, Lincoln, NE. From West "O" Street take Sun Valley Blvd north , then a left one Westgate and another left on Oakcreek Drive to the museum.**

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### FISH FRIDAY the 27<sup>th</sup> at MEAD

This month we go back to the Elsworth's Pub in downtown Mead .

Be there by 6:30.

**Mead is located on State Highway 92 between Yahoo on the West and Yutan on the East. Lincoln drivers can follow 77 North through Yahoo, and then East on 92. about 6 miles. Omaha drivers head West on Center Street, Highway 38 and 92 (they are all the same). Mead is about 6 miles West of Yutan.**

Call in your RSVPs to Gary Pence 402-580-4236 or E-Mail [jpence@neb.rr.com](mailto:jpence@neb.rr.com)

## Annual Shamrock Racing St Patrick's Day Celebration Saturday 14 March

If you have an appetite for chili and car blarney, head down to the Shamrock Garage in Beatrice to join Sean Cahill and members of the Porsche Club. English will be spoken (the American dialect) until the green beer consumption reaches a certain limit and loose tongues lapse into faux Irish speak.

Price of admission is a smile and more importantly something to eat that you can share. You may want to bring some hoers-de-vores (a fancy name for snacks like cheese puffs and pretzels) or talk the wife into baking some of her famous brownies. Of course you can be in the spirit of the event by bringing corn beef and cabbage.

Contact Sean for questions and additional information at 402-239-1238 or e-mail him at [WldRvr@aol.com](mailto:WldRvr@aol.com)

### PLAN AHEAD FOR MAXIMUM ENJOYMENT

### TULIP TOUR AND FESTIVAL 15-17 May

This event begins with a wandering drive through the Loess Hill's of Iowa, a leisurely lunch and a tour of the Healey Werks in the afternoon. Then it's on the road to Sioux Center and check in at the Colonial Inn. After freshening up, we'll gather to dine and socialize.

Saturday after breakfast it is off to Orange City and the tulip Festival. Festivities include music and dancing by hundreds of children and adults in intricate authentic costumes, two daily parades featuring top area marching bands, nightly musical theatre, a carnival midway, fun ethnic food treats, plus thousands of tulips and a dozen reproduction windmills throughout a charming village. (See their web site [www.octulipfestival.com](http://www.octulipfestival.com) for more details) We can gather again in the evening for supper and story telling.



**It's not too late to get your car ready for the Tulip Tour.**

Sunday, we take a leisure drive home. Somewhere over the weekend we can get ice cream and tour the famous Blue Bunny ice cream museum.

We have a block of 10 rooms held in Sioux Center at the Colonial Inn 7 miles from Orange City. These rooms cost \$55 per night plus tax and are held but not reserved. Reserve your own rooms by calling 712-722-2614. Then contact Joe Kueper – [editorjoe@msn.com](mailto:editorjoe@msn.com) or 402-592-3132 to let him know you are going so he can keep you up to date on the planned events.



**Tip toe through the tulips**

## ROAD AMERICA - ELKHART LAKE 2009 - July 16-19

*By John Ulrich*

Make Your Plans Now! Without out a doubt, the annual pilgrimage to Road America's Historic Races is one of the things that get me through the other 360 days of the year. The recipe of racing cars, good food, good friends, beautiful roads and reasonable cost is just too hard to resist. I've often said Watkins Glen, Monterey and Goodwood along with Elkhart Lake are among the finest historic events in the world, but only one of them is a day's drive away, and manageable on a schoolteacher's budget.

In case you aren't familiar with Road America, its one of the fastest permanent road circuits in the world. At a bit over four miles long, there are two or three places on the track where the Can-Am, Indy and F1 cars will have a shot at an honest 200 MPH. But fear not, the Sprites, MGBs, Triumphs, and other small bore stuff still put on a heck of a show. After picking out your favorite cars on the track during practice or qualifying, you can wander the pits and paddock until you find them. Talk to the drivers, take pictures up close and personal, and thank them for sharing their cars with the fans. Don't worry, your "Super Ticket" gives you access to anywhere around the track except the VIP areas.

Did I mention food? There is no "commercial" food at the track. Everything is run by local civic groups so you WON'T be paying \$20 for a bratwurst and a beer. In the evenings Nino's, Luigi's and the Brisco County Grill have become traditional Flatwater hangouts, and breakfast at Harry's Diner is mandatory.

Our typical itinerary is to leave early Thursday morning, and arrive in Sheboygan about 6:00 P.M. We tend to drive fast, so a 948 Morris Minor with a 4.22 rear end would not be a good choice, but anyone with an overdrive MGB, Triumph or similar LBC will do just fine. Several of the guys drive modern cars, and that's Ok too. We spend Friday-Sunday at the races and related activities. There's never a dull moment. Some of the guys need to be home for work and will leave Sunday afternoon, the rest of us drive to a nice motel in Dodgeville, WI. We spend the night and head the rest of the way home on Monday.

And now, here's a word from Scott Kahler:

Here's the deal on the motel rooms this year. I have 8 rooms held in a block under the "Flatwater Race Team". These rooms ARE NOT RESERVED. Seven of you will need to reserve these rooms ( I do have one reserved under my name). The rooms are being held until June 16. You can cancel your reservation up to July 13. After July 13 one night would be charged to your credit card if it was a no show. This is at our usual hotel. "Americas Best Value Inn" in Sheboygan

The rates are Thursday, July 16 @ \$73.39. Friday & Saturday, July 17 & 18 @ \$125.99 Call 920-458-8080 to make your reservation.

### NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

#### NATIONAL AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB MEMBERSHIP BILLING

If you're a national member, and haven't yet gotten your billing, please contact FAHC National Delegate Barbara Rixstine at [rixstine@yahoo.com](mailto:rixstine@yahoo.com) or at 402-464-3733. Thanks.

## MEMBERSHIP FACTS

*By Pam Brunke*

Flatwater Austin Healey Club is off to a great start in 2009 with a total of 155 members.

We want to welcome new members to FAHC – Kurt & Nancy Appley, Ed & Maggie Bates, David Amy Chapman, Thomas Davis, Robert & Linda Elliot, Jim Elliott, Travis & Shannon Filing, Rusty & Penny Ford, Marianne & Herbert Glesmann, Jim & Debby Gunsolley, Michael Hansen, Les & Linda Jacox, Clinton Johanek, Tyler Johanek, Robert & Anne Kelley, Bob & Pam Kerns, J & Liz King, Cary Koch, Jason Koch, Dennis & Lisa Lines, Bruce & Pat Little, Janet & Roy Olsen, Gerald & Pam Owen, Dick & Beverly Schaaf, David & Tahnee Siders, Larry & Kristi Simodyness, Mike Thomas, Scott & Janet Vadon, Frank Way, Jim & Zoe White, Phil & Annette Whitmarsh, Dave Witulsky.

We also welcome back a couple of former members who have rejoined - Terry Buchholz and Jesse & Crystal Wubbels. We're glad to have you as Flatwater Members and hope to see many of you at upcoming events as we enter into the driving season.

2009 also brings a change of membership chair. A big thank you to Gary Lien for all of his work as the Membership Chair the past several years. We appreciate your service to the club. The new Membership Committee is Jane & Dennis Stone and Pam & Rich Brunke. We look forward to serving the club.

Thanks to Gary Lien's detailed notes we were able to come up with the following "FAHC Membership Trivia" that we thought might be of interest to club members.

Current Members: 155

Where the members are located:

Nebraska - 140, Cities represented - Lincoln, Omaha, Bellevue, Fremont, Crete, Papillion, South Sioux City, Colon, Lavista, Beatrice, Red Cloud, York, Martell, Garland, Herman, Elmwood, Pleasant Dale, Ft Calhoun, Roca, Ashland, Norfolk, Seward, Hickman, West Point, Springfield, Yutan, Bellwood, Plattsmouth, Murray, Eagle, Panama.

Iowa - 13, Cities represented - Council Bluffs, Sioux City, Shenandoah, Treynor, Glenwood, Akron, Ames

Other - 2, Pasadena, CA, Vermillion, SD

Members cars of choice and the number owned are: MGB - 64, MGA - 27, Spitfire - 20, Jaguar - 16, Austin Healey - 15, Midget - 14, TR6 - 12, Mini - 10, AN5 - 8, TR 3 - 7, Sprite - 6, Miata - 6, MGC - 5, MG TD - 5, TR 4 - 4, Jensen Healey - 4, Lotus Elan - 4, Metropolitan Nash - 4, Sunbeam Alpines - 4, AN6 - 3, AN7 - 2, TR 2 - 2, MG TC - 2, Sunbeam Tiger - 2, Porsche - 2, TR 7 - 2,

**One Of A Kind** - Berkeley, Hillman Minx, Honda, Maserati, MG TB, MG TF, TVR Vixen, Triumph Herald, Triumph Stag, Morgan, Morris Minor, Riley, Singer, Sunbeam Imp, Westfield 7.

What's In Your Garage ?

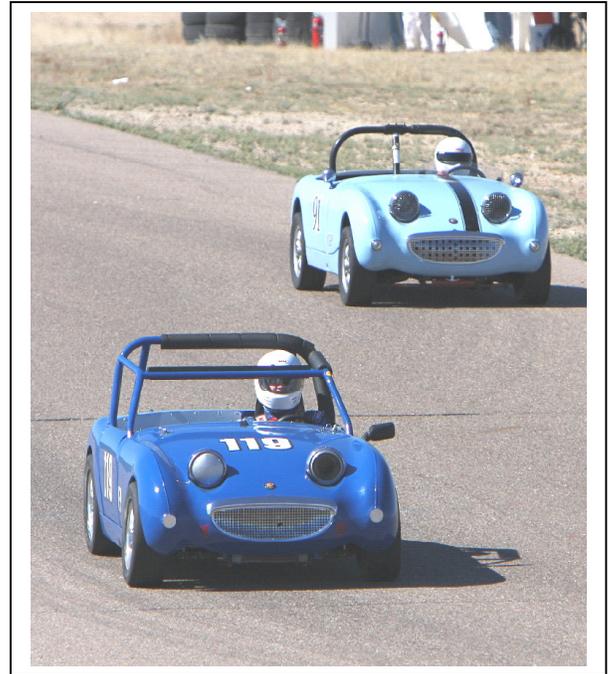
# FUMES

## A Primer on Track Driving for the Complete Idiot

### Part 5 – Some (Not So) Random Thoughts

*By Terry Davis*

1. Get started in track driving by doing a driver's education (DE) weekend with a local car club. It's a great, low stress way to learn the basics of high speed driving in a safe and controlled environment.
2. All you need for a DE weekend is a car (any street car will work), a helmet, safety belts, a fire extinguisher, and a roll bar if you have an open car.
3. If you don't want to jump into track driving yet, come to the Flatwater speed run at Scribner and our autocrosses.
4. All you need for the speed run and autocrosses is a car, we'll provide the helmet! Heck, come even if you don't have a car. You can do a ride-along or many members will be happy to let you drive their cars.
5. A lot of what you know about street driving doesn't work on the track or autocross course. Be prepared to learn new techniques for driving.
6. Get as much track time as you can. There is no substitute for seat time.
7. Buy the best safety gear you can afford – It's your life!
8. Be comfortable sitting in your car. Make sure your arms and legs are in proper position and you can reach all of the controls, including the kill switch and fire extinguisher/system.
9. Do some homework. Study a track map or hot lap guide and visualize the track before you drive on it. For an autocross, walk the course.
10. Before you can finish first, you first have to finish. Make sure that both you and your car are properly prepared.
11. Races are never won on the first lap, but they can be lost there.
12. Make incremental improvement your goal. Don't try to improve 100% in the next race or even over a weekend. Try to improve 1% a hundred times. Small improvements help you maintain and increase smoothness. You may spend an entire 20 minute track session learning how to properly apex one corner.
13. Smooth is fast. This goes with #12. Speed comes with incremental improvement and increasing smoothness.
14. Challenge yourself, but stay within your comfort zone. As your skills increase, your comfort zone will expand.
15. Get all your braking and all your downshifting done in a straight line.
16. If you don't know how to double clutch downshift, learn. It will help make your transmission last a lot longer. Also learn how to heel-and-toe downshift.



17. Use proper eye techniques – “high eyes.” Look through turns and down straightaways. Don’t fixate on the apex of a turn. Once you’ve seen it, shift to looking at the “track out” or exit from the turn, and then down the next straightaway. Keep your eyes scanning ahead. You drive where you look. Keeping your eyes up and looking down the track helps you maintain and increase smoothness.
18. When cornering use the “threshold braking” technique, then pause to allow the car to stabilize and “set” before turning into the corner.
19. Remember the “100% rule” for tires and modulate your speed while turning. The sharper you turn, the less throttle you use. Add throttle as you unwind the steering wheel.



20. Enter a turn at below maximum speed and from the outside (high side) opposite the apex (e.g., enter a right hand turn from the left side of the track).
21. The natural tendency is to turn into a corner too early, resulting in too early an apex and running out of track. As a general rule making a late apex is a better, safer, and faster way to go through a turn.
22. Exit a turn by allowing the car’s momentum and your use of the throttle to carry you to the outside of the turn. Use all of the track – you’re paying for it!
23. On the track, learn the racing line and stay on it unless you are passing another car. Other drivers, particularly those who are passing you, will expect you to stay on the line – do it. **Note:** In DE events, where passing is only allowed on the straights, it is permissible, courteous, and sometimes recommended or required that you pull “off-line” on the straight, slow down a little (“lift”), and give a “point-by” to allow a faster car to pass.
24. When passing in a race, the driver being passed continues to have the right of way until the overtaking driver is at least even (eyeball-to-eyeball) with the driver being passed.
25. In a race it is the responsibility of the driver being passed to stay on the racing line and be aware that he is being passed by using his mirrors. It is courteous to give the overtaking driver a “point-by” to acknowledge that you know he’s passing you and to indicate which side he should pass you on.
26. In a race it is the responsibility of the overtaking driver to come “off-line” to make a pass, complete the pass safely, and move completely past the slower car before moving back onto the racing line.
27. In a race most passes are “inside passes,” i.e., taking the inside line through a corner. In DE events you may be required to pass only on the left on the straights.
28. Anticipate and act, don’t just react.
29. Respect your car and the cars of your fellow racers. They (the cars) are old and some are worth a lot of money. Touching (swapping paint) is a **BIG** no-no.
30. Sometimes the racers are old, too. Just look in the mirror! Respect yourself and know your physical limits. If you’re tired and can’t concentrate 100%, come in off the track.
31. “Vintage racing attitude” means that the point of the weekend is to have fun. At the end of the day no one goes home with any trophies or prize money. What you will have is the most fun you can have with your clothes on!

I hope that this series will have helped you understand more of what is going on when you’re watching a race, will help you enjoy it more, and will encourage you to get out on the track and get in on the fun. See you in the paddock (and maybe on the grid)!



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**Need a free Club Name tag?  
Contact our new membership  
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## **FOR SALE**

### **1974 MGB**

This is a chrome bumper California car. No signs of any rust, anywhere. The car runs well, has dual SU carburetors, new tires, a new top, stainless steel exhaust. The interior is in good shape but needs a dash overlay to fix the split top. The white paint is presentable has some garage rash and could benefit from some touchup or easy repaint.

Contact Brian Goldsmith for details  
712-566-2400 E-mail: gold@futuretk.com

## **MG TDs**

From the KC Club

Club mates! I have pictures, prices and information on two recently restored MG-TDs. They appear excellent... only problem... they are currently in Germany. Please contact me direct if you want more information

Don Bonar: [DSBonar@aol.com](mailto:DSBonar@aol.com)

## **INNOVATION AND ADVICE**

Larry Simodynes built a nice stand with casters to hold and move the body of his Spitfire during restoration work. The problem was that he didn't like lying on his back up side down to weld on the bottom. SOLUTION – Larry made two L shaped pieces out of angle iron, clamped them onto his stand and tipped it up on its side. Now he is at eye level with his work standing or sitting. Nice bit of Yankee engineering.

Larry's workmanship is excellent. When asked how he does it? He replied, "Well, If you don't take time to do it right the first time, when will you have time to do it over?"



## Team Flatwater Racing Gear



We have some exciting new club regalia to offer you. We will be placing an order for regalia featuring the Team Flatwater Racing logo as shown above. The following apparel is available:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Sizes available</u>
T-Shirts	\$15	small – 5x
Long-sleeve T-shirt	\$20	small – 5x
Sweatshirt	\$25	small – 3x
Hooded Sweatshirt	\$35	small – 3x
Cap	\$15	one size fits all

The t-shirts are pre-shrunk 90% cotton/10% polyester blend. The sweatshirts are heavyweight 50% cotton/50% polyester blend. Both are custom printed with the Team Flatwater Racing logo and come in grey only. The caps are 100% brushed cotton twill with embroidered logo, cloth strap and brass buckle closure. The caps come in black only.

If you are interested in ordering any of these items or have any questions about this please contact Lee Pedersen at [Lpedersen@cox.net](mailto:Lpedersen@cox.net), or phone 402-575-5558 days, or 402-596-1313 evenings.

By ordering in quantity we will get a discount that basically offsets our shipping cost. Production and shipping generally take 3-4 weeks, so please submit your orders as soon as possible. We would like to place an order by March 20<sup>th</sup>. We will collect payment when we deliver your items to you.



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**Brian Goldsmith's latest acquisition, a 1961 MGA, is an excellent example of originality.**

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