

February 2012

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

# Events for February 2012

Feb 9, Thursday, 6:30 pm Pub Night Sean O'Casey's Pub 10730 Q Street Omaha, NE

Feb 15, Wednesday, 12 pm, Lincoln Lunch The Steakhouse 3441 Adams St (35<sup>th</sup> & Cornhusker Hwy) Lincoln, NE www.thesteakhouselincoln.com More info on page 4

Feb 18, Saturday, 9:00 am Breakfast D&K Gretna Cafe 104 E Glenmore St Gretna, NE

**Feb 24**, Friday, 6:30 pm Fish Nebraska Brewing Co 7474 Towne Centre Pkwy Papillion, NE



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## From your editor... Driving Events

#### **By Chrissy Conant**

Sorry for being a couple days behind deadline this month. We decided to wait until after the officer's meeting so the Calendar of Events could be approved and included in the newsletter.

Planning a driving event is not as hard as you may think. I have an idea already running through my head for an Iowa winery tour this summer.

- 1. Look at the events calendar to find a date and one alternate date that work for you.
- 2. Email your idea and your dates to the president or vice president. They will discuss and give you approval.
- 3. Drive your route. Also drive it again closer to the event to make sure there are no road closings or road condition issues.
- 4. Find a starting place, pit stops, and an ending place. The end needs to involve food and beverages. The beverages are an important factor for our group. Call these locations to be sure they know a large group is coming or if reservations are required.
- 5. Email an event description to your newsletter editor by the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to your event.
  - 6. Enjoy your event!
- 7. Email an article and <u>pictures</u> to your newsletter editor by the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month after your event.

Let's have a driving season full of scenic tours!

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### **Brad Swiggart**

Many thanks to all those involved with setting up the Holiday Banquet. I think a good time was had by all! A special thanks goes to Jane Stone for handling all the arrangements and reservations, along with those that helped with the banquet. Also, a special thank you goes to our local sponsors of door prizes which include Mr.

Sports Car, Terry Worick
Restorations, McVicker Auto
Trim, Economy and Performance and to Lee Pederson for securing some gas certificates.

We have all been able to enjoy some great weather, giving us more of our "car time". Now is a great time for everybody to be thinking about those repairs that you neglected to do last year to get ready for this spring. Speaking of spring, preliminary plans are being finalized for our next major club event which will be a car show in the Omaha area. I think adding this venue will be a great spring get together for our club members.

Having just returned from the Scottsdale auctions I can assure you that the price of British cars are as strong as ever – Big Healeys over \$110,000; a TR6 for \$27,500; a TR3A for \$45,000; and not to mention a Nash Metropolitan convertible for \$50,600! Nice British cars are in demand!

Hoping to see you soon at one of our regular monthly events...

Brad

#### A COUPLE OF THANK YOU'S

#### **Dennis & Jane Stone**

A big thank you is owed to all the members of Flatwater who contributed to our attempt to do more for charity. Over the last thirteen months, we have concentrated this effort on our local food banks. Your support has been very generous with our 3 drives for donations.

At this year's holiday party, your donations totaled at 56 pounds of food and a \$25.00 cash donation. Dennis and I delivered this to the Food Bank of the Heartland in Omaha.

At our car show in Lincoln's Pioneer Park this last October, our members donated 76 pounds of food and \$52.00 was raised by sales of our left over pulled pork. Dennis and I delivered this drive's proceeds to the Food Bank of the Heartland in Omaha. Their empty warehouse that day emphasized to us the drastic need for food in our communities and the importance of our collections.

Our first attempt at collecting was the 2011 Holiday party in Lincoln. Here you donated 56 pounds of food that was delivered to Lincoln's Food Bank by Pam Brunke. Our auction proceeds that afternoon raised an extremely generous cash amount of \$330.00. That cash was donated to Lincoln Kids Against Hunger.

Thank you all for your very generous support for these three worthwhile local charities.

Dennis and I would also like to thank you on a more personal level. Your gifts of a new Flatwater cap for Dennis and a pink glass paperweight for me are appreciated. We have enjoyed our terms as officers with Flatwater. Your recognition of us meant a great deal. We only hope that we have been able to give back enough to make up a small portion of

the enjoyment and friendship we feel toward the members of this wonderful club.

## WHAT'S ON YOUR ODOMETER?

#### By Joe Kueper



This year everyone can win a club's mileage award. Your Board is making changes to the club mileage awards program so we can all participate and have more fun. Send me your current odometer reading now so we can get you registered.

As our President, Brad Swiggart, announced at the holiday party, we are adding "mile stone" awards for members who drive 1,000, 3,000 and over 5,000 miles. We will still recognize the mega mile drivers but now we can also recognize you for your personal driving accomplishments and challenge you with attainable goals.

Register now to get started.
Contact me at:
Joesbcgarage@msn.com or 402-592-3132. I need your e-mail or phone number and the make, model, year and current odometer reading for each vehicle you own.

#### ELKHART LAKE 2012

#### John Ulrich

Over the years it's been sponsored by the Chicago Times, Merrill Lynch, Jaguar, Ford, and Kohler with Brian Redman as the "Host". It is often called the BRIC, Road America, or just Elkhart Lake. This year's name is "The Hawk with Brian Redman", but it still translates into one of the best vintage racing events in the country. From Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, Flatwater members will invade the land of bratwurst and racing cars for a long weekend of great food, great friends, and great cars.

Road America is special for many reasons. You'll see Formula One cars and Bugeye Sprites; Can Am ground pounders and feather light Lotus 23Bs; Mustangs vs Camaros; Cobras vs Vettes; MG's, Triumphs, and Healeys vs Porsches. Best of all, you can watch races from anywhere on the track you wish, and have access up close and personal to the cars in the pits and paddock. Heck, you can even talk to the drivers unless they're up to their elbows fixing a broken half-shaft.

There is no commercial food at the track! None! All the stands are run by area civic groups (Rotary Club, Boy Scouts, Church Ladies, etc) so not only is your food cooked fresh on the spot, a bratwurst and a drink WON'T cost you a NASCAR price. The race car parade and concours on Friday night, and the street car concours on Saturday night in the Village of Elkhart Lake are wonders to behold, and better yet, are free.

For the second year, Flatwater's own Terry Davis will be racing. It's always fun to cheer for Terry, and then hear his blow blow account of the day as we meet for supper each night.

Here is some basic information: Our caravan leaves early on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup>. We are in Sheboygan for supper at Nino's Steak House and then off to bed at the (newly renovated) Super 8 Motel. (3420 Wilgus Rd. Sheboygan, WI) Scott Kahler has reserved a block of rooms under "Flatwater Racing Team". All rooms are non-smoking doubles so find a roomie and split the cost. You need to call the motel @ 920-458-8080 and claim one of those rooms with your credit card. Let Scott know when you reserve a room so he can keep an accurate count.

Buy a "Super Ticket" in advance from Road America, (800-365-7223) or <u>roadamerica.com</u>. A super ticket saves you money and gets you anywhere you need to go around the track.

Consider renting a golf cart with a friend. It's a big track so if you want to watch certain races from certain vantage points; a cart gets you there with time to spare.

You can drive your car on the track for an hour for about \$80. I've done it several times and it's worth every dime. They call it "Touring" and the best day to tour is Friday.

Some folks have to drive all the way home Sunday night. The rest of us stop in Mineral Point, WI and drive the rest of the way home on Monday the 16th. I am the contact person for Mineral Point motel and Tony's Tap reservations.



Last year twenty one of us made the trip. Please consider joining in on the fun this year.

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#### LET'S DO LUNCH

A recently established event for the club is the Lincoln Lunch. Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday FAHC members meet at *The Steakhouse* located at 35th and Cornhusker Highway. This month the Lincoln Lunch will be at noon on Wednesday, February 15. There is parking all around the building, so you can come in from 33rd or from Cornhusker. You can also go to <a href="https://www.thesteakhouselincoln.com">www.thesteakhouselincoln.com</a> to see what is on the menu for that day. We hope to see you there!

#### **JOE'S GARAGE**

By Joe Kueper – proprietor

"And we all settled in for a long winter's nap." That phrase would probably describe the activity level of most Flatwater members. Our little British cars are tucked away and except for reading through a new a car magazine and checking of the batteries trickle charger there is not much going. But then there is that 10%, those Shade Tree Mechanic types who are always up to something. Yes, they are busy as ever and huddled around all sorts of heating devices in their garages trying to work on big and small projects. Here are the ones of which I'm aware and I report them to give solace to the unknown silent band of brothers tinkering away. You are not alone or crazy. Don't believe your wife.

Les Nasr let me know that he pulled his MGB's engine, I think for the 37<sup>th</sup> time, to work on his cranky overdrive. Bill McKay has been helping him track down a random disengaging problem. Persistence pays off and they found the culprit, a defective valve.

Larry Simonies is laying down some high dollar red paint he bought for his Spitfire. He is doing a superb job creating a finish with a mirror like luster. I often chide Larry about his never-ending restoration but in truth I envy his results. Treat yourself by checking out this car when it premiers this spring.

Speaking of master craftsmen, watch for the début of at least one of Brian Goldsmith's MGB/GT's this summer. Brian went all crazy and started restoration on two at once. Follow that up with Steve Shepard's Austin Healy. Steve is including some upgrades and modifications to his restoration to include a self-engineered rack and pinion system that performs like power steering.



Not to be out done, Phil Brauer is preparing his MGB "Gene" for a painting as well. This will be his first painting experience and he will do it under the loose supervision of his amateur cronies and self-appointed experts.

John Martin bought an overdrive Spitfire transmission that he is installing into his MG Midget. He is taking it apart to freshen it up with new seals and replacements to other worn parts. He'll be cruising down the interstate like a Cadillac this summer.

I have more projects then I have winter. My priority is to finish "Parts" my MGB/GT. I just installed electric window openers. It took a little MacGyver action to make the kit fit but, they really operate nicely. Now I'm trying to straighten out the racing stripes I misaligned while painting the hood. Once the paint dries and I buff it out. I'll be installing the windshield and other glass.

Please note, this is not a brag list but rather an invitation to all members who think they don't have the skills to work on their own cars. Talk to the guys who are doing it, ask for their advice. You may be surprised to find out that some could not even change a spark plug a couple of years ago and are now skilled in special areas and willing to share. Gear heads, even want-to-be's love to talk. We would like nothing more than for you to enjoy your car more by working on it and making it run well so you have the confidence to drive it for long distances. We want to see you on the road and not beside it.

As I write this, on Monday night, January 9th, the high temperature today was 51 degrees and the forecast high for tomorrow is 58 degrees!!! Global warming?!? If so, then I'm okay with that – big time. Actually, from what I've read this may just be a typical La Nina weather pattern and by the time you read this (early February), these warm winter days may be just a memory and we may have a foot or more of snow on the ground. Actually, I'd be okay with that, too. Last year I bought a new snow thrower that I really never got the chance to use very much. It's a Toro Power Max 2-stage with a 250cc engine (that's more than \(^1\)/4 of a stock Bugeye motor!). It's got a 26" clearance width and is capable of throwing snow 45 feet, just far enough to reach my neighbor's driveway. Having this beast makes me fear no winter and also helps enhance my cylinder count (see Peter Egan's "But Who's Counting," Road & Track, January 2001).

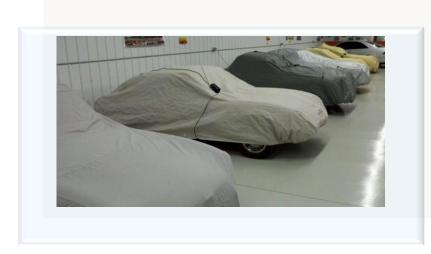
Anyway, back to cars and winter driving. I'm not talking about commuting to work in snow and ice, below zero temps, and the real "joys" of winter driving. I'm talking about taking advantage of some of those too rare warm winter days to get your LBC out and take it for a spin. Some hardy souls, either out of madness or necessity, may drive their old British cars yearround and as daily drivers, but many of us "winterize" our cars sometime in late October or early November and then tuck them away in the safety of our garages under cover to be awakened when the first robin shows up sometime

The Joys of Winter Driving FUMES Terry Davis

in March or early April. I'm going to advocate somewhat of a middle-ground approach.

My typical pattern is to wash each of my cars on one or two of the last warm days of fall, top off the fluids, add Sta-Bil to the gas, check the tires, hook up battery chargers, and cover them up – but only until the next warm weekend. We seem to get a couple of warm days in a row at least once a month during the winter that are perfect for taking a "top-up" spin – the so-called January (and ideally February) thaw. This year I didn't have to put the cars away until mid-December, shortly before we went out of town for the holidays. Now it's January and it's still warm enough to take them all out for a drive.

I've got a 20 mile round-trip run that I make on Highway 275 from my storage garage in Waterloo up to the Highway 36 exit near Fremont and back. It's a straight, flat, boring, drive, but enjoyable nonetheless. As long as the roads are dry and clear of snow and salt it's good for the cars, and winter driving can help ease the withdrawal that accompanies the end of the regular driving season. I spent Saturday and Sunday tinkering with the cars and driving them all. Again, as I write



this, the GT6 is sitting in my garage here at home waiting to be driven on a couple of errands tomorrow to enjoy that 58 degree day. (Okay, if I was a real man I'd drive the TR3 topless, but, well....).

It's great just to be behind the wheel, feel the power of the engine, hear the rumble of the exhaust, and shift "snick-snick" through the gears on a 20 to 30 minute drive. It gives you hope that spring will come sooner than you think and you'll be back to driving that beloved LBC regularly before you know it. Sure, it can be a little cold until the car warms up (and even after that), but that's what gloves and stocking caps are for.

You'll get great looks from other drivers and you won't have to worry about bugs spoiling your wash job. So don't put that British car away all winter, put the top on, put on the side curtains, and take it for a drive on the next warm day. You'll be glad you did, and you'll get a head start on a 2012 club mileage award. I've already got more than 100 miles under my belt this year. Now if I could only find an open race track I could really get my LBC fix until spring comes. See you in the paddock.

#### **2012 FISH SCHEDULE**

#### February 24

Nebraska Brewing Co Papillion

#### March 30

Cedar Creek Inn Cedar Creek

#### April 27

One Eyed Dog Saloon Eagle

#### **May 25**

Long Branch LeShara

#### **June 29**

Lil Burro Bellevue

#### **July 27**

Lee's Chicken 1940 West Van Dorn St Lincoln

#### August 31

Ponderosa Saloon Weston

#### September 28

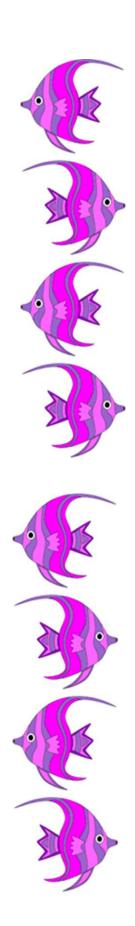
Cedar Creek Inn Cedar Creek

#### October 26

Bull Dog's Murdock

#### December 7

Trackside Bar and Grill Waverly



### **2012 Calendar of Events**

	Date	End	Activity	Time	Location	Address	City
January	Mon, 01/09		Officers Meeting	6:30 PM	Honey Creek Restaurant		Waverly
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	Thu, 01/12		Pub Night	PM 7:30	Sean O'Casey's Pub	10730 Q St	Omaha
	Wed, 01/18		ENWICCC	PM	Golden Corral	North 27th	Lincoln
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	Sat, 01/21		FAHC Holiday Party	PM 6:30	Lo Sole Mio Restaurant		Omaha
	Wed, 02/01		Officers Meeting	PM	Honey Creek Restaurant		Waverly
	Thu, 02/09		Pub Night	6:30 PM	Sean O'Casey's Pub	10730 Q St	Omaha
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	Sat, 02/18		Breakfast	AM	D & K Restaurant	104 E Glenmore St	Gretna
	Fri, 02/24		Fish Fry	6:30 PM	Nebraska Brewing Co	Shadow Lake Mall	Papillion
	Sun, 03/04		Rocky Maginelli Swap		Lancaster Event Center	84th and Havelock Ave.	Lincoln
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	Thu, 03/08		Pub Night	PM	Sean O'Casey's Pub	10730 Q St	Omaha
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April	Wed, 04/18		ENWICCC meeting	PM 9:00	Tangier Temple	South 84th	Omaha
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	Fri, 05/04	05/06	May Daze Vintage Races	6:30	Heartland Park		Topeka, KS
	Wed, 05/09		Officers Meeting	PM	Honey Creek Restaurant		Waverly
	Thu, 05/10		Pub Night	6:30 PM	Sean O'Casey's Pub	10730 Q St	Omaha
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	Sat, 05/19		Breakfast	9:00 AM	D & K Restaurant	104 E Glenmore St	Gretna
	Sun, 05/20		Spring Drive				
	Fri, 05/25		Fish Fry	6:30 PM	Long Branch		LeShara
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	Fri, 06/01	06/02 Sun,	Heartland MG Regional		Historic Square		Independence, MO
	Wed, 06/06	06/10	NAMBGR Convention		Dillard House Inn Resort		Dillard, GA
	Sun, 06/10		Driving Skills Event	9:00 AM	Northstar High School		Lincoln
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	Sun, 06/17	Fri, 06/22	Austin Healey Club of America Conclave (AHCA)		Crowne Plaza Hotel	830 Philips Lane	Louisville, KY
				12:00			
	Wed, 06/20		Lunch	PM 7:30	The Steakhouse	33rd & Cornhusker	Lincoln
	Wed, 06/20		ENWICCC meeting	PM	Tangier Temple	South 84th	Omaha
	Fri, 06/29		Fish Fry	6:30 PM	Lil' Burro	12510 S. 29th Ave.	Bellevue
				6:30			
	Wed, 07/11		Officers Meeting	PM 6:30	Honey Creek Restaurant		Waverly
	Thu, 07/12		Pub Night	PM	Sean O'Casey's Pub	10730 Q St	Omaha
	Thu, 07/12	Sun, 07/15	Elkhart Lake Historic Races		Road America		Elkhart Lake, WI
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	Fri, 08/17	Sun, 08/19	John Twist Summer Party		University Motors		Grand Rapids, MI
	Sat, 08/18		Breakfast	9:00 AM	D & K Restaurant	104 E Glenmore St	Gretna
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	Sun, 09/09		European Car Show (Rain Date: 09/23)	12:00 PM	Lauritzen Gardens	100 Bancroft St	Omaha
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	Sun, 09/23		European Car Show (Rain Date)	12:00 PM	Lauritzen Gardens	100 Bancroft St	Omaha
	Fri, 09/28		Fish Fry	6:30 PM	Cedar Creek Inn		Cedar Creek
	Sun, 10/07		Fall Car Show		TBD		
	Wed, 10/10		Officers Meeting	6:30 PM	Honey Creek Restaurant		Waverly
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	Sat, 10/20		Breakfast	AM	D & K Restaurant	104 E Glenmore St	Gretna
	Fri, 10/26		Fish Fry	6:30 PM	Bull Dog's		Murdock
	Sun, 10/28	Fri, 11/02	Vintage Triumph Registry Convention		San Luis Resort	5222 Seawall Blvd.	Galveston, TX
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	Wed, 12/12		Officers Meeting	6:30 PM	Honey Creek Restaurant		Waverly
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#### WELCOME TO 2012

John Twist, University Motors

Welcome to 2012 – the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the introduction of the MGB, the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the closing of the MG Car Company at Abingdon, and the 38<sup>th</sup> year of business of University Motors.

This past year was action packed! We completed reconstruction of our new facility on Patterson Avenue – a "Garage Mahal!" We re-opened in April after a half year's closing (so we could rebuild our new shop). We hired Mike Blackport, our new parts and service man, as well as our IT expert; we re-hired Wayne Reichel (who worked for us on Eastern Avenue and on Fulton, about 20 years ago). We re-vamped our website (that's still in process). We added another 60 videos to our YouTube selection. We expanded our sales of MG technical videos. In addition, I was re-married in October.

This coming year should prove to be as exceptional. We will host an MG Summer Party Reunion August 17-19, featuring the pull handle MGB (62-64) in conjunction with the VSCDA and MG Vintage Racers. We expect to take on yet another mechanic in the workshop. We will add as many as a hundred new videos to YouTube as well as produce half a dozen lengthy technical videos covering the various models (T types through Midget 1500s). We expect to offer more technical books and articles, some of them available as downloads. And, we will expand our selection of rebuilt components.

We have scheduled a three day technical seminar for the first weekend in March, followed by a two day gearbox workshop. Details will soon be posted on the website. <a href="http://universitymotorsltd.com/">http://universitymotorsltd.com/</a>

Drive your MG! Join your local MG club! Make 2012 a totally octagonal year!

#### **FAHC REGALIA**

Pam Brunke has a nice selection of the official Flatwater Austin Healey Club hats available for members to purchase. Cost is \$15.00 each. For more information, or to request your favorite color, call Pam at (402) 438-3330, or by email at P\_brunke@yahoo.com

Pam will bring your hat(s) to you at the next club event. Limited quantities remain, not all colors available.

Also available in limited quantities are blue polo shirts with the club logo in sizes M, L, XL, for \$30 and XXL for \$32.

Many of our members have requested the Flatwater logo be made available to be applied to their garments of choice. We have made arrangements with Art F/X in both their Lincoln and Omaha locations to embroider the Flatwater logo on your articles for a fee of \$8.00.

Their locations and phone numbers are:

7400 Cross Lake Lane 4142 South 144<sup>th</sup> St Lincoln, NE 68516 Omaha, NE 68137 (402) 421-2611 (402) 330-4488





#### **ARTICLES PLEASE**

The newsletter is an excellent way to share information with the club. Send me details of your event, current project, or other club related activities. Send pictures if you have them. Thank you very much for your participation! cigi@cox.net

#### **CLASSIFIED ADS**

Find a home for that car, car part, or other car related merchandise. Classified ads are available at no charge to club members for club related items. Send your description and photos to your newsletter editor. cigi@cox.net

#### FRONT PAGE PHOTOS

Please send photos of yourself with your LBC. I would like to feature a different member and their car for the front page of each issue. <a href="mailto:cigi@cox.net">cigi@cox.net</a>

This month is Terry Davis. Last month was John Ulrich.