

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

*Events for
July 2013*

7/10/13 Wednesday, 6:30 pm
Officer's Meeting
Honey Creek Restaurant
Waverly, NE

7/11/13 Thursday, 6:30 pm
Pub Night
The Brazen Head Pub
319 N 78th St
Omaha, NE

7/17/13 Wednesday, 12 pm,
Lincoln Lunch
The Eatery
2548 South 48 St
Lincoln, NE

7/20/2013 Saturday, 9:00 am
Breakfast
D&K Restaurant
20596 Hwy 370
Gretna, NE

7/26/2013, Friday, 6:30 pm,
Fish
Red Zone Bar and Grill
117 Spruce St
Colon, NE

Save the date
FAHC Fall Drive
October 13, 2013

Holiday Party
January 19, 2014, 12:30 pm



The temperatures and humidity make it just too hot to autocross.

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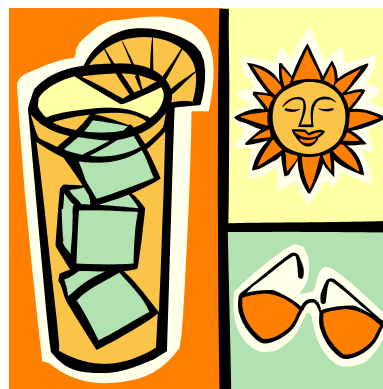
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A Note from the Editor

This is a trimmed-down summer edition of the FAHC news. I have lots of great articles already in the files for next month.

Hope you are all enjoying lots of summer, top-down driving!



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Hot Music & Cool Cars Lincoln Municipal Band

Sunday, July 14
Lincoln's scenic Antelope Park

Friends,

Mark July 14 on your calendars. Once again we have been invited to participate in the always popular "Hot Music & Cool Cars" concert. To refresh your minds, here is the basic information:



We display our cars on the grass in back of the audience seating area of the Muni Band venue in Lincoln's Antelope Park. (It's a beautiful venue.) We need to be there at around 5:30 or 5:45 so the cars are in place for viewing as the audience gathers. Please plan on staying through the concert. Monza exhaust systems and John Phillip Sousa do not mix well. Also, audience members who arrive a little late often like to see the cars after the concert. Yes, they all had an uncle, father, college roommate, or friend who "Had one of those" way back when, and never should have sold it! They are an appreciative bunch, and it is wonderful PR for the British car hobby. OK, British car obsession!

The Band is made up of mostly professional musicians, many of whom play in Lincoln Symphony, Nebraska Jazz Orchestra or the 43rd Army Band, so expect "Real Music". Experience has taught us that lawn chairs, blankets, coolers and a picnic lunch or take out to make the evening even more enjoyable.

All our cars are welcome, but if you have something unusual or unique, even better. There is a sidewalk cutout South of the Auld pavilion where even an E-Type Jag or a Big Healey can get on the grass without a scrape.

RSVP to: bugeyejohn@gmail.com or Bob Shaw, shaws@mlcltd.com if you are able to attend. Let us know what car(s) you will bring. We will have windshield placards for you.

Questions? John's home phone is 402-421-9252. Mobile is 402-429-0027.
Bob's home phone is 402-402-435-4905. Mobile is 402-435-4905.

Cheers,

John & Bob

Pub Night

July's Pub Night will be held on July 11th at The Brazen Head Pub at 319 N. 78th St, which is on 78th St in the block just north of Dodge. We will be eating in the Emmet room once again, which is just to your right inside the front door. Come and join us!



Updated FISH Schedule



Note that Fish in July will be in Colon!

Red Zone Bar and Grill, Colon	26 Jul
Ponderosa, Weston	30 Aug
Cedar Creek Inn, Cedar Creek	27 Sep
One Eyed Dog Saloon, Eagle	25 Oct
La Mesa, Bellevue	06 Dec

ANNOUNCING!!!

FLATWATER TRACK DAY

Friday, July 12

By Terry Davis

**When: Friday, July 12
9:00 a.m. till ???**

**Where: Mid-America Motorplex
Pacific Junction, Iowa
(Just off I-29 between Exits 32 & 35)**

It's time for another track day at MAM! If you want to learn how to drive your British sports car (or any other sports car) on a real racetrack at speed in a safe environment now is the time. On Friday, July 12, MAM will offer the Full Throttle Driving School for first time drivers. Do you want to learn some new driving skills? Find out what all the fuss is about track driving and road racing? Is it time to make the leap from autocross to driving on a race track? If so, come out and join us.

Last year's cost for the school was \$195.00 for a full day of classroom instruction, one-on-one driving with an instructor, and soloing in the afternoon. The instructors are SCCA or Porsche Club instructors and the program is coordinated by Natha Waldbaum of Full Throttle schools. She is based in Omaha and coordinates instruction at MAM and Hastings. Here is some more specific information about the school:

1. The school starts on Friday at 9:00 a.m. It's best to arrive about 8:30 to 8:45 so that releases can be signed, you can get your car ready, and you can pay at the track that morning by check, credit card, or cash.
2. There are classroom sessions and in-car driving instruction sessions in the morning, then a lunch break (food is available at the track), and then more sessions in the afternoon.
3. Students have their own run group in the morning and experienced drivers have their own group that runs while the students are in class.
4. Track driving is done under "DE Rules" (Driver's Education), meaning that passing is only allowed on the straightaways, is only done on the left of the driver being passed, and only when the driver being passed gives a "point by" indicating that the overtaking driver should pass. This is the standard way to conduct DE track sessions and helps insure safety.
5. In the afternoon the student group may get combined with the experienced group, depending on number, skill, etc. After you are signed off to solo it is open track time for the rest of the afternoon.
6. The track is open until 7:00 p.m., but you can leave whenever you want to. We typically stay until about 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. or so.

Some specific things about cars, safety equipment, etc.:

1. You can drive any street car, from old British to new Honda, Miata, Porsche, Corvette, or whatever.
2. Roll bars are not required.
3. Convertibles are run with either the top up or the top down, depending on weather conditions. Generally top down, and side windows must be down. Bring your top along if it's removable.
4. You must have a Snell approved helmet, SA2000 or newer. No motorcycle helmets are allowed and they do NOT have helmets available to borrow or rent. So, get yourself a properly fitting helmet! (See Flatwater newsletter Fumes articles from Dec. 2007 and Jan. 2008.)
5. No shorts or open shoes (sandals). You should wear long cotton pants (e.g., jeans), a long sleeve cotton shirt, closed leather shoes (e.g., running or driving shoes), and cotton socks.
6. A fire extinguisher is not required, but is recommended. The bracket can be mounted with zip ties if you want. (Honestly, most people don't have fire extinguishers.)
7. Safety belts – The rules say that 3 point belts are the minimum, but for our older British cars 2 point lap belts are okay.
8. You should “self-tech” your car for the following:
 1. Fully functioning brake lights.
 2. Tires in good condition – no cracks, bulges, flat spots, or cords.
 3. Torque lug nuts.
 4. Reliable throttle return springs with no binding.
 5. All loose items removed from the car including floor mats (can be done at the track).
 6. General car maintenance – all systems in good working order.

For more information you can download the Orientation Manual from the Full Throttle website. Go to www.drivefullthrottle.com, click on “Forms/Manuals” on the left side of the page and then download the MAM Orientation Manual. Feel free to contact me at 402-637-0101 or tadavis50@gmail.com if you have any questions or want any more information.

If you are a veteran driver and already have a Full Throttle “license” you know what to do and what to expect. Make sure your car is ready for the track, wear the right clothes, and bring your helmet. Last year's prices for track time were \$80.00 for a half day (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) or \$120.00 for all day. The MAM website doesn't say yet whether or not they've changed prices for this year. Regardless, it's still very affordable.

Important: If you're coming, either as a veteran or a first time driver, please let me know by sending me an email at the above address. For first-time drivers I need some info by Wednesday, July 10, (preferably earlier) to get you registered. Send me the following: 1. Driver's name. 2. Telephone number (preferably cell). 3. Year and make of car. No deposit or prepayment is required. You pay at the track that morning by check, credit card, or cash. Hope to see you at MAM and on the track!

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale

1947 Crosley \$5,500 OBO

Call Joe Kueper 402-592-3132

I need my garage space for other projects.



For Sale

Very nice 1959 MGA Roadster for sale. Excellent paint, nice interior, like new top and tonneau cover. A new grill is included (if not installed by the time sold). Much work has been done on this car since I acquired it in May 2004, much of the work professionally done by The Healey Werks. New wide whitewall tires were installed a year ago from Diamond Black Tires. Chrome wire wheels (Dayton). Luggage rack. Side curtains including pouch. Tool kit (not all the tools) and original jack (new pouch). Head was rebuilt (by The Healey Werks) in 2007. All the gauges work (speedometer and oil/heat gauge were rebuilt right after purchase). See front page of the January FAHC newsletter for a current photo.....a lot more can be sent if requested. Contact: Howard Larson, 712-281-8812 (preferably evenings) or by email at beahusker@aol.com

Deciding to sell this dream is not easy but we have purchased a 1957 Thunderbird that once belonged to my wife's uncle and last owned by his son (her cousin). Keeping it in the family. Giving first chance to FAHC members. **Offers being accepted.**

One Man Bleeder Bottle



Try the One Man bleeder bottle the next time you need to replace brake fluid or after brake work to expel all air bubbles in the closed system.

Attach the bottle with heavy duty magnet to your axle, frame or brake component. Take silicone line and attach to bleed screw, back off screw and make sure master cylinder stays full of brake fluid. Pump brakes and new fluid will fill system without back up due to built in check valve. Close bleed screw when finished, attach line back onto vent plug. No mess and easy! High quality components.

I am selling this popular unit for \$20, call me at [402-890-0051](tel:402-890-0051) or send an email bpkasl@gmail.com for your order.

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Mr Sport Car, Inc Repair – Sales – Restoration Since 1960

If you want to know anything about the mechanics of your older sports car, stop by; let's talk; free advice gladly given.

For 53 years we have been fighting this stuff and we still love it! With that kind of experience, I can probably help.

Jim or Mark
402-592-7559
719 W 6th St, Papillion

FAHC REGALIA

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 onto your articles for a fee of \$8.00. Please allow 2 weeks for your item to be embroidered.

Their locations and phone numbers are:

7400 Cross Lake Lane	4142 South 144 th 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

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. 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. Non-members may place an ad for \$30 or join the club for \$20 and place free ads. Send your description and photos to your newsletter editor. cigi@cox.net

COVER PHOTO

Thanks to Bob Shaw for this month's weather-appropriate submission.