



# Flatwater News

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

## Events for December 2015

### 12/10/2015 Thursday 6:30pm

Pub Night  
Sean O'Casey's Pub  
2523 S. 140<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Omaha, NE

### 12/13/2015 Sunday 3:00pm

Annual Meeting & Elections  
Eiseley Branch Library  
1530 Superior Street  
Lincoln, NE

### 12/17/2015 Thursday 12 noon

Lunch  
The Eatery  
Lincoln, NE

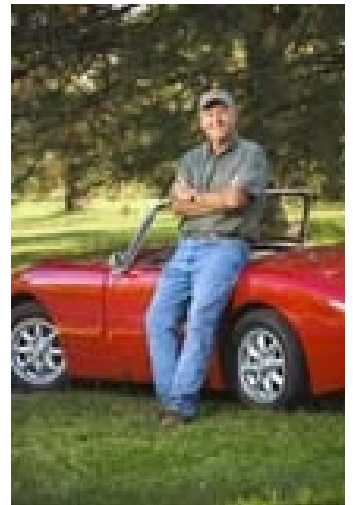
### 12/19/2015 Saturday 9:00am

Breakfast  
Cheri O's  
Ashland, NE

\* No Fish in December

## From The Presidential Garage

By  
John Ulrich



As the rain/sleet/snow mixture splatters against my office window, I'm making a pre-New Year's resolution to stop complaining about the hot Midwest Summers. I know the only reasonable use for this kind of day is to go to the garage and get ready for spring. Well, maybe I'm being a little harsh. It's also the perfect time for big steaming pots of clam chowder, chili, and jambalaya. Excellent progress was being made on my LBC garage before the weather took a turn for the worse. I'm always

amazed at the speed of good carpenters once you get them to show up. At least there is enough done to shelter my pickup from the elements.

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Let's all take a breath and get ready for the sprint to Christmas and the New Year.



# Dues are Due

By now, all members of FAHC should have received an envelope full of club business. Please go through the various forms, and take the appropriate action. Perhaps most important is updating/correcting the membership form, and enclosing your check for 2016 dues. You can return your membership form, ballots and RSVPs by using the enclosed envelope, or you may hand deliver it to the Annual Meeting on Dec. 13.

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## Strategic Air & Space Museum

Car Adventure by Jim Nichols

Back in early October of this year, I got an email or phone call, I don't remember which, from Bart Hamilton. He had found out through one of his sources that the Strategic Air and Space Museum in Ashland was looking for a 60's big Healey for a Halloween promotional event. The event was called "Planes, Trains and Autos". It was to feature 1960's autos, the museum's planes of course, and a display of model trains. Kids were invited with their parents to trick or treat for a couple of hours on Saturday and Sunday and meet with Austin Powers (look alike). The staff at the museum wanted an Austin Healey to go with Austin Powers. I don't believe Austin Powers ever drove a Healey in any of his movies, but that is beside the point.

I was asked to bring the car on Friday evening, Oct. 16. When I arrived I was surprised to see I was the only British car there. Most of the other cars were from the Omaha Chev. Malibu Club. There were 15 or 16 cars total, but my Healey got to be center stage because of the Austin Powers thing. It was pretty cool being able to drive into that large hanger amongst the aircraft. The weekend went well, with tons of pictures taken with kids, the car, and Austin Powers. The staff said the event was a success and thanked all of us car people for our participation. They took great care of our cars, which we all picked up on Sunday evening after closing. I thought it was a great experience and want to thank Bart for hooking me up with them. If you have never been there, I would highly recommend seeing the place. We are lucky to have such a fine museum in our area. It's located off I-80 at the 426 exit.



## Annual Meeting and Elections

The annual meeting of the Flatwater Austin-Healey Club will be held on Sunday, Dec. 13. The location is the Eiseley Branch Library at 1530 Superior Street in Lincoln, and the time is 3:00. In addition to regular business, we will also certify election results, by law amendments, and set the events calendar for 2016. All members are welcome (even encouraged) to attend.

Although the elections will generate little if any drama, this meeting is a great opportunity to put in your two cents about the number, type and frequency of events for the coming year. If you have an idea for a club activity, and can not attend, please contact any of the club officers.

To get to the Eiseley Branch from Omaha, take I-80 to the 27<sup>th</sup> St. exit. Go south on to 27<sup>th</sup> to Superior St. and turn right (west). It is on the north of Superior at 15<sup>th</sup> St.

## Elkhart Lake 2016

July 14 – 18 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Can-Am racing at historic Road America. For those not familiar with the Can-Am cars, they were basically built with the rule that “there ain’t no stinking rules”. Six hundred to one thousand horses in a car about the weight of an MGA produced some spectacular results. In addition to these ground pounders, there will be another 300+ cars racing, ranging from Bugeyes to historic Formula One, and everything in between. Speaking of Bugeyes, our own Terry Davis will be racing his good old #119.

It’s a great weekend with lots of things going on besides racing. Hotel rooms are crazy hard to find on race weekends, so early action is needed. Please contact Scott Kahler or John Ulrich if you want more information.



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Don’t forget to get in any stories or events that you know of. It is really hard to put together a newsletter with no input from anyone. Thanks to John Ulrich for all of his fine input each month.