



Flatwater News

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

Events for Nov. 2015

11/10/2015 Tuesday 6:30pm

Officer's Meeting
Honey Creek Restaurant
Waverly, NE

11/12/2015 Thursday 6:30pm

Pub Night
Sean O'Casey's
2523 South 140th Ave.
Omaha, NE

11/19/2015 Thursday 12 noon

Lunch
The Eatery
Lincoln, NE

11/21/2015 Saturday 9:00am

Breakfast
Cheri O's
Ashland, NE

*No Fish in November

From The Presidential Garage

I dislike starting my column with a chirpy "My, how the month has flown by", but in truth, it has. If you went to Pub Night, Friday Fish, the Fall Show, the Fall Drive, Breakfast, and the Veteran's Show, you know what I mean.

Thankfully, we have an activity calendar that is the envy of many AHCA chapters. Ask anyone who's served as Delegate. When the club reports are read at the annual meeting, people really do ask; "How do you do all that stuff?" The answer is that it would be impossible without officers and club members stepping up and taking charge. OK, this is my not so subtle segue into encouraging folks to get involved, hold an office, or help run an event. Guilty as charged.

On the home front, the footings and foundation for my garage were poured last week. Framing will begin soon, and given favorable weather, there really might be a presidential garage before winter. I had a chance to talk to Bill McKay at the Vet's Show. His "A" Coupe is gorgeous as ever, and his house and garage projects are coming along well. Here's hoping Bill, and everyone else with a project catches a break before the snow flies.



Fall Drive Hot Stuff

Unseasonably warm temperatures greeted the thirty plus cars and their occupants for the always popular Autumn event. With Highs in the upper 80s, top down motoring was delightful. Using the traditional Loess Hills route, Tim Clark led the pack to stops that included the antique mall, Small's Orchard, Willow Lake, and the Loess Hills Winery. Fortunately, there were no mechanical issues, save an MGB that needed a bit of a push to get it started. Maybe it just didn't want to leave the winery. A new twist to this year's tour was the inclusion of a poker run. Those planning to attend the final stop, Quaker Steak and Lube, drew a card at each stop. The winning hand of three tens was drawn by Jim and Theresa Morgan, who enjoyed their dinner complements of Flatwater. After eating and obligatory hydrating, farewells were said, everyone made it home before dark. At good day to be sure.

Thanks go to Tim Clark for volunteering to pace the caravan, Jim Danielson for getting CB radios, and the Brauers and Goldsmiths for their input on the route. Also, thanks to those participating in the drive.

Getting lined up.



Pit stop at the Antique Mall



NEW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PERIOD AND WEBSITE

By Gary Lien

Membership Chair

If you have noticed that you haven't received your renewal notice in the mail there is a good reason. Due to the confusion of collecting renewals during the month of September we have decided to delay our membership renewal period to fall over the months of December and January. From past membership renewal periods we have found that a majority of members either send their renewals within a week of receiving them or delay and return them during the month of January. By doing this we hope to condense the renewal time frame to a two month period rather than the six to eight month period that we currently experience. Look for your renewal letters the first week in December.

Over the past year we have been developing a new website to be used by club members. A part of this new website will be a forum where club members can view and post topics relating to mechanical questions, classified ads, events, etc. After submitting their membership renewals members will be provided with a login and password with which they can use for posting. No login or password is required for viewing. It is currently under the domain "flatwaterahc.org" So go and take a look and see what is coming.

November Fish In December!

Here's a quick reminder that because of Thanksgiving, November Fish is on December 4. We will go to La Mesa in Bellevue, and RSVPs to Bart Hamilton are appreciated. (bartman0@cox.net) If you really want fish at "Fish", check out their fine selection of seafood entrees, otherwise, the usual Mexican fare options are excellent. Forks fly and margaritas flow at 6:00 P.M.

ENVH Car Show

The Halloween weather was gloomy, but for some of the ENVH residents, the day was a little brighter. Organizer Bart Hamilton, and Flatwater members once again took time out of busy schedules to thank veterans for their service. Twenty-one LBCs were on display, along with a Mustang, a street rod, and a seriously cool military spec Power Wagon. The “Popcorn Wagon” and a storm chaser van rounded out the participants.

The variety of cars was excellent. Steve Williams brought his E-Type, and John O’Brien showed his Bugeye and Big Healey. The MG marque was well represented by “Bs”, GTs, an MGA, and a TC. Doug Buchanan’s spectacular Triumph GT6 was doing its best to be a 2/3rd scale E-Type Coupe, and yet another high quality Triumph TR250 has entered our ranks. Keith Bouwens had his Midget and Sprite golf cart on display, and Mr. Hamilton’s Corvette powered Morgan +8 was both sublime and ridiculous.

Again, thanks to Bart and all who participated.



I will crush you!!



Doug's GT6



Wanted Alive!

(A Shameless Plea From Your Club President)

If you enjoyed attending a Flatwater event, you no doubt realize that a certain level of planning and/or organization was involved. It may have been as easy as making a phone call, or as complex as feeding one hundred people at the Fall Show. It could be simply collecting RSVPs for the Winter Banquet, or taking the better part of a day to drive the Fall Tour route one last time to check for road construction. The point is, nothing gets done on its own.

Flatwater has over one hundred fifty members. Actually, it's almost double that if you count spousal units. It is only reasonable to assume there would be eight people willing to hold an office for two years, and help keep the club on course.

Note that I said "people" and not "men". There is a reason that two ballots are in the envelope. We welcome the opinions, and encourage the participation of both sexes, and are gender neutral, be it on an autocross course, or an officer's board meeting.

We are all too rapidly approaching our elections, and need people to step forward and serve. The "well" of tried and true members is not infinite in its depth. Many have held office for several terms, as well as some holding several offices. If you are interested and able, please contact any current officer for a job description, and information on the time commitment involved. Your efforts will be rewarded with the knowledge that you have helped one of the most active local clubs in the nation going strong.

Classifieds:

For Sale:

Joanne Thietje has two MG's for sale.

Fremont Nebraska 402-721-8585

For more photos email gold@futuretk.com

1974 MGB. Burgundy with black interior. Black vinyl soft top and aftermarket hardtop. Weber carburetor, alloy valve cover, alloy wheels, car cover, luggage rack, overdrive transmission and cruise control. \$8000



1962 MGA MKII. Full ground-up restoration. Red exterior with black leather interior. Excellent chrome. Black cloth soft top and aftermarket hardtop with sunroof. Alloy wheels with new tires. MGB 1800 engine with MGB overdrive transmission. Weber carburetor. Walnut dash and aftermarket wood steering wheel. Aftermarket hardtop with a sunroof. Appraised at \$33500.



For Sale:

I have 5 chrome wire wheels that fit Morgan, MG, and Triumph. Possibly Austin Healey. Size is 16 X 7. Chrome facing outward is very good but the chrome on the inside is poor. I want \$100 each. Thanks.

Contact: Bart Hamilton

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