



Flatwater News

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

Events for September 2015

9/09/2015 Wednesday 6:30pm

Officers Meeting ?
Honey Creek Restaurant
Waverly, NE

9/10/2015 Thursday 6:30pm

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

9/17/2015 Thursday 12 noon

Lunch
The Eatery
Lincoln, NE

9/19/2015 Saturday 9:00am

Breakfast
Billy's Gretna Café
Gretna, NE

9/25/2015 Friday 6:30pm

Fish
Steel Horse
Nehawka, NE

9/27/2015 Sunday 9am set-up, 11am runs

Autocross
Lincoln North Star High School
Lincoln, NE

From The Presidential Garage

By
John Ulrich

August has come and gone, but unfortunately, no carpenters have even come to begin my garage. Such is life when there is a housing boom, and remodels and additions go the bottom of the list. I have been able to enjoy the TR6, MGB, and Bugeye this summer, but the TR2 is in need of major surgery, and will have to wait until a permanent garage solution is reached. I've found the saying, "The pessimist is seldom disappointed" to be a valuable tool in dealing with my dilemma.



These continue to be busy times for LBC owners. There are several good regional shows coming up, and before long the Fall Drive and our own FAHC All-British Show (and free lunch) will be upon us. As a matter of fact, past president Brad Swiggart is already doing the math on the hot dogs! Speaking of the Show and Fall Drive, look further in this issue for shameless pleas for help at events. This is your club, and the best way to make it work well is for "Everyone do something, and no one do everything". I'll confess to being guilty of the schoolteacher syndrome, and just plodding along until things get done. Save me from months of rehab and jump in and volunteer.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I going to look at blue prints on my alleged garage.

Fall Foliage Tour

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct. 11, the best attended driving event of the year. We will return to the old format, with brunch at Tussy's, the Brauer/Goldsmith route, and dinner at its conclusion. Phil and Tracey have sent us all the information for the route, distance, and time, and we are exploring either Pizza King or Quaker Steak for the post drive meal. If anyone has knowledge of other possible eating options, please let Bart Hamilton know. Now, we need a "wagon Master", someone to lead and pace the group. It would also be very beneficial to drive the route the day before the event to make sure there is no surprise road construction. (It's happened before) If you are willing to step in and run this event, please call John Ulrich (402-429-0027), or email him at <bugeyejohn@gmail.com>



August 30 Autocross A Showcase for Diversity

On an unseasonably pleasant day, members enjoyed an interesting mix of cars, driving styles, and experience levels. Of course, there were the usual “Go Fast” bunch running for the FAHC Competition Driving Award, but equally significant, some “Cruisers” and some “Rookies”. Carol Lemon and Cheri Thomas



are to be commended for strapping on the helmets, and experiencing an autocross course from the driver's seat. Steve Bryant made some morning runs, and then broke out the umbrella and picnic lunch with his wife Kathy. Jim Danielson drove his MK I/III/IV Sprite on a few gentle runs to get the cobwebs out of the car after already doing thousands of miles this summer in his MGC. New member James Helfin set out to rediscover the joys of driving his LBC in the manner it was intended.

As always, thirty-five year old TR7s and fifty-six year old Sprites were competitive with the modern iron, being bested only by a very well driven BMW. Brian Thomas brought out his new Jaguar F Type, and showed everyone why there is optimism over the historic marques new batch of offerings. He also was gracious enough to offer drives to those brave enough to look 500 HP straight in the eye and hit the gas. Greg Lemon continued to be impressive in his “Do everything TR250”, and Mike Nelson in his Spitfire get faster each time out.

The end result was a something for everyone day, and an encouraging sign that interest in autocross is on the rise. See you September 27 at Lincoln North Star for the last event of the season.

Driver	Car	Best Time	Place Overall/British
<i>Jan Gerber</i>	<i>BMW 3301</i>	<i>1:09.41</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Gerry Conant</i>	<i>Triumph TR7</i>	<i>1:11.19</i>	<i>2/1</i>
<i>Scott Kahler</i>	<i>Bugeye Sprite</i>	<i>1:12.25</i>	<i>3/2</i>
<i>John Ulrich</i>	<i>Bugeye Sprite</i>	<i>1:13.91</i>	<i>4/3</i>
<i>Brian Thomas</i>	<i>Jaguar F Type</i>	<i>1:14.28</i>	<i>5/4</i>
<i>Jerry Magorian</i>	<i>Toyota MR2</i>	<i>1:14.63</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Chris Thomas</i>	<i>Porsche C4S</i>	<i>1:15.03</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Justin Lemke</i>	<i>Toyota Supra</i>	<i>1:15.15</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Greg Lemon</i>	<i>Triumph TR250</i>	<i>1:16.78</i>	<i>9/5</i>
<i>Bob Shaw</i>	<i>Mazda Miata</i>	<i>1:17.19</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>John Pecoraro</i>	<i>Mazda Miata</i>	<i>1:17.25</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Mike Nelson</i>	<i>Triumph Spitfire</i>	<i>1:18:10</i>	<i>12/6</i>
<i>Carol Maasdam</i>	<i>Mazda Miata</i>	<i>1:18.12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Scott Embury</i>	<i>Chevy Camero</i>	<i>1:18.75</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Dennis Stone</i>	<i>Jensen Healey</i>	<i>1: 18.91</i>	<i>15/7</i>
<i>Jack Jessen</i>	<i>MGB</i>	<i>1:20.00</i>	<i>16/8</i>
<i>James Helfin</i>	<i>MGB</i>	<i>1:26.59</i>	<i>17/9</i>
<i>Jim Danielson</i>	<i>AH Sprite</i>	<i>1:38.59</i>	<i>18/10</i>
<i>Steve Bryant</i>	<i>MG Midget</i>	<i>1:56.08</i>	<i>19/11</i>
<i>Carol Lemon</i>	<i>Triumph TR250</i>	<i>1:59.90</i>	<i>20/12</i>
<i>Cheri Thomas</i>	<i>Jaguar F Type</i>	<i>2.04.94</i>	<i>21/13</i>

Wanted!

Membership chair Gary Lien is looking for old photos of Flatwater events to post on our new and constantly improving website. If you have anything to contribute, please contact Gary at gslien@cox.net

Wanted!

Newsletter editors Jim and Cathy Nichols would like short “Member Profiles” for the “Flatwater News”. Just a few short paragraphs and a photo would be great. How did you become interested in British cars? What was your first LBC? What are your favorite things to do? Any Kids? Grandkids? Occupation? Anything you wish to share that would help members get to know each other.

Classifieds:

One Man Bleeder Bottle

Bleeding brake and clutch hydraulics is usually a two man job.

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 the silicone line and attach it to the bleed screw, back off the screw and make sure master cylinder stays full of brake fluid. Pump brakes and new fluid will fill system without backup due to built in check valve. Close bleed screw when finished, attach line back onto vent plug. No mess, easy to use! High quality components.

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