

MAY TOUR 2013

By Dick Fabrizio

Sunny day? No rain? This couldn't be a typical BSMGAC event! But in fact it was a beautifully sunny but cool day for our Drive Your MGA Day (one day late)/Cinco de Mayo/spring tour from Gloucester, MA to Portsmouth, NH. Meeting at the statue of the famous Gloucester Fisherman at about 10AM, we had some coffee and munchkins to warm us up for the ride. Prez Jack Horner with Jan arrived first followed by Dick & Nancy Fabrizio, Jim & Ellie Guyot, Bob & June Jolin, Paul Zink, Judy Pruitt, Ira Cohen and Larry & Johanna Berk. We left the statue at about 10:30 heading out Rt.133 West through Gloucester, Essex and into Ipswich where Pete Wadsworth joined the group. A big thanks to Paul who blocked traffic for us so we could get back on the road as a group. Paul then had to leave us due to a prior commitment. Following 133 to Rt. 1A we had a wonderful ride through Rowley and Newbury where there were great views of farmlands and salt marshes. As we crossed over the Merrimack River from Amesbury into Newburyport, Jim and Ellie took the lead and we stopped at Salisbury Beach State Park for a break and peak at the surf. Then on to Seabrook, NH and Hampton Beach, where Judy Pruitt then took over the lead She guided us along the shore route through Rye and Rye Harbor....what gorgeous ocean vistas!! Arriving in Portsmouth, just in time for lunch, fellow member Joanne Lonergan was kind enough to provide excellent parking for us all at her apartment building. Much better than the last time we did this ride a couple of years ago when several of us received parking tickets for not putting enough money in the parking meters!! We had a wonderful lunch on the waterfront at Martingale Wharf. After a refreshing walk back to Joanne's, we prepared for our return trip. But first we had to trouble shoot a "back fire" issue that Judy's MGB was having...master LBC mechanic Jack Horner determined it to be a well worn set of contact points...resetting them as best he could he urged her to get new points and a good ignition tune-up. After saying goodbyes Pete led us through the quaint area of New Castle and we all headed homeward following Rt.1A/1 South until we each peeled off for our individual routes. What a day! What a tour! After the great weather we had for last week's tech session I think this could be a great year for BSMGAC events. Hope to see more of you at the next one. Remember your attendance can make these events a great success.



The MGs line up in Gloucester



In Salisbury Beach State Park