

## Bay State MGA Club late summer recap

It has been a busy past month with several Bay State MGA Club events as well as MGAs participating in other events. After MG Day (see article last month), on August 21 the club participated with the MG T-Party with a drive from Wilmington, MA through Newburyport to Bob's Lobster on the causeway to Plum Island, MA. I drove my MG TF, but we had a number of MGAs on the drive as well as meeting us at Bob's. Roy Crane took us on a similar route that we did last year with the Northeastern drive. It was great to see Pete Wadsworth and his MGA since we haven't seen him recently. It was also good to see Don and Sandy Hill (who bought Bruno and Janet Ilmonen's MGA). Even though we had to wait in line a long time for food, it gave us time to talk with lots of folks and catch up.

I drove out to Lime Rock Park for the Historic Festival over Labor Day Weekend (see Bruce Vild's article last month) and spent some time with Scot Padgett. He was not racing this year as he had an engine problem with his car and is still in the process of building a new engine. Don Tremblay was there with his son Jon, and we explored the various vendors in the paddock in the auto jumble. I found a nice pair of original Lucas Wind Tone horns (high and low note) at the British Miles booth. I stayed overnight with a friend of mine and attended to car show on Sunday and there were a lot of nice cars there.

The following week (Sept 7-11) I drove my MG TF to Concord, NH for the New England MG T Register Gathering of the Faithful number 100. Again, there were a lot of beautiful MGs there. We even had several MGAs come as they had opened the registration for all MGs. We had a drive to some vintage car collections around Lake Winnepesaukee with a lunch stop, a rally and a cruise on the M/S Mount Washington with lunch, valve cover racing, and, of course, the car show on Saturday with a banquet following. It was great catching up with members of the T club as well as members of BSMGAC who were there since they have both kinds of MGs. The sad thing is that I got rear-ended in my MG TF on the way back from the vintage car garage tour. The car is still drivable, but it will need to be repaired. J.C. Tayler Insurance was very responsive and I have already arranged for work to be done.

On September 15th I met up with a friend from New England Triumphs and we drove together up to Stowe, VT to the British Invasion XXVII. We took VT route 100 (back roads) to get to Stowe. We stopped in Woodstock, VT for lunch and had a great pulled pork sandwich. We were both staying at the Golden Eagle Resort and arrived around 3:30. The MGA ran great. It is such a joy to drive! The next day we took a drive on some of the back roads, many of them gravel, before going to the show field and picking up our registration packets. On the field I found Geoff and Andrea Rogers of Jolly Rogers Motors, vending parts. I found other friends around the field and it was great swapping stories. Friday night was the Main Street festival with music and food and a lot of nice cars. Saturday was the big car show. Parked next to me on the field was Barney Gaylord of mgaguru.com fame. I had not seen him in perhaps 25 years, so, it was nice talking with him. Steve Mackay was there and we always have interesting technical

discussions. I also ran into Michael Crawford of British Motorworks with his wife, Elizabeth's, MG J2. At the announcement of the awards, club members Michael and Ryuko Rosen took first in MGA 1600 with the MGA 1600 MKII that Michael Crawford restored, and Bob Peate took second with his MGA 1600 (his first time at Stowe!). On Sunday I had the top up on the car since I knew it was going to rain and boy, did it rain on the way home! But, I made it home safely and the car is again in the garage.

I took my MGA to a cruise night at the local Elk's Club on Route 110 in Chelmsford. I met several other MG owners there, but it was mostly American iron. Now, as the season begins to wind down I know there will be opportunities to drive the MGA and my other MGs, but my season of driving is winding down. Of course, this is a great time of year to get the MGAs out on the road to take in the fall colors. So, don't delay, get out there and enjoy that last few driving days of the season before the snow begins to fly!

Safety Fast,

Jack Horner  
President, Bay State MGA Club

MGAs at the British Invasion XXVII; Bob Peate's is the one with the wide whitewalls.



MGAs at New England MG T Register GoF 100

