

A Recap of several events of the Bay State MGA Club from late June to early August, 2016

There have been quite a few opportunities to get the MGAs out and participate in events both of our BSMGAC and other clubs and events. On July 17, 2016 John Gill and I drove our MGAs to the Lars Anderson Auto Museum in Brookline, MA for British Car Day. It was a hot day, so, we did not stay to the end, but we did find several other club members there including Ira Cohen with his car and Paul Robinson (his car is still "in process").

Each Thursday night over the summer there is a cruise night called "Wings and Wheels" sponsored by the Rotary Club at Minute Man Airport in Stow, MA. I have been three times now and have enjoyed it very much. There are always interesting people and cars there as well as some nice airplanes. I have taken the 1966 Mustang, the 1955 MGTF, and the 1959 MGA Roadster. I have seen club members there several times.

Castle in the Clouds Car Show was held on July 9, but I did not make it to that show as the weather looked pretty questionable and it is a long way to go for me. I did see some pictures and it looks like those who did attend enjoyed the show and the day.

July 17 was a sunny, hot day for our BSMGAC Summer Picnic. I want to thank Dana and Kathy Booth again for hosting the Summer Picnic. This event was held with the Central Mass Model T club. We met at the Booth's early for coffee and pastry and then caravanned over to the Codman Estate Antique and Classic Car Show in Lincoln, MA. Roy and Jane Crane drove their MGA and I had mine in the caravan with about 8 Model Ts. We met up with Bob and June Jolin with their MGC in Concord, MA on the way to the the show. We met up with Judy Pruitt with her MGB and John and Carole Gill with their MGBGT (John's MGA's fuel pump decided to die just before the event) at the show. Ira Cohen was also there with his car. Around noon we had had enough of the sun and heat at the show and made our way back to the Booth's for a cook out. Our club members really enjoyed meeting the Ford Model T folks and everyone had a great time. Some went for ice cream down the road at Kimball's at Bate's Farm on Route 225, but I decided to head home.

On July 23 several club members attended the British Cars of New Hampshire Show of Dreams at Alvirne Hills House in Hudson, NH. It was another very hot day, but there was a good turnout of cars and we had a nice time. Charles Dyer, from the New England MG T-Party joined me and we drove up together to the show in my MGA. Bob Peate was there with his MGA. Bob took first in MGA, I took second, and a BCNH car took third.

August 7 was our first Cars and Coffee at the Blackbird Cafe in Groton, MA. This was an informal get together of all kinds of cars that my friend, Eric Wickfield, put together. He invited people from his Ferrari club and Porsche club. I invited members from our club as well as sent emails to BCNH, Boston Area MG Club, and New England Triumphs club. I also invited people from our "Car Guys" lunch in Ayer. We had a great

turnout for our first Cars and Coffee. People were free to show up and leave when they wanted to. Mike and Ryuko Rosen, Bernie Hall, and I represented our club. There were perhaps six or seven Triumphs and four Porsches as well as one Ferrari. There was even a Model T Ford.

So, it has been a very busy summer with lots of opportunities to drive the cars. It is not over yet and we still have the British Invasion in Stowe, VT coming up from September 15 to 18, 2016, so, make your plans to drive your cars and enjoy the scenery and the show.

Safety Fast,
Jack Horner
President, Bay State MGA Club

Jack Horner's MGA opposite some of the Ford Model Ts





MGAs at BCNH Show of Dreams



Some of the cars at Cars and Coffee in Groton, MA



A Ford Model T with Jack Horner's MGA and Mike Rosen's MGA at the Cars and Coffee meet