

Report: Bay State MGA Club goes to the British Invasion XXVII, Stowe, VT

A group of club members met up at Mike's Mini Market in Fitzwilliam, NH at the corner of Route 119 and Route 12 at 10 am on Thursday, September 14, 2017. We left there around 11:00 am and headed north through Keene, NH and across the bridge to Westminster, VT and then north on Route 5 through Bellows Falls onto Route 103. We stopped for lunch at a sandwich shop in Ludlow, VT. After having our repast we took Route 100 north to Stowe, VT arriving around 4:00 pm. We had a few spritzes of rain along the way, but by the time we got to Stowe it was quite a warm day. We got into the condominium we had arranged and moved in. There were some issues with the air conditioning but we eventually got it mostly sorted out. I drove over to club member Roy Crane's hotel room to have a drink with him and his family before supper. Back at the condo there were drinks and snacks and we relaxed for a while before going over to a pizza place for dinner. Upon returning I enjoyed the hot tub. For some reason no one else was brave enough. I don't know why.

On Friday Jim and Eleanor and Dick and Nancy headed out for a drive over the Notch on Route 108 for a day of exploring and went to a winery to a wine tasting. I stayed behind and took my own drive up to the Notch and then a ride on the Stowe Ski Resort Gondola up to the restaurant at the top. It was a great day for views of the turning leaves. I then proceeded to the show field to pick up my registration packet and check out some of the vendors. Club Member Geoff Rogers and his wife Andrea were there again this year vending the usual good stuff along with a wide variety of new items from their recent trip to the Beaulieu, Auto Jumble in England. I then headed back to the condo to relax in the hot tub. Lee Kline came up and joined the group for two days along with his new dog, Addie. That night we all decided to stay in and not go to the Main Street party.

Saturday dawned another gorgeous day and Jim, Dick, and I got our our regs and cleaned to bugs and dirt off our cars for the show. We headed out to the field around 9:00 am and placed our cars in their respective classes. We had a small turn out of MGAs this year with only three 1500s and 4 1600s! New Member Dennis Eklof had his MGA 1600 MKII there. He just finished refreshing the car after sitting many years and has had it at several of our events this year. He has owned the car (I think he said) 54 years! Also, Marv Stewart from the Connecticut MG Club was there. Jan and I have known him since the first White Mountain GT the club put on (I think in 1991). It is always great to see old MG friends. Around noon Jim, Eleanor, Dick, Nancy, Lee, and I walked over to a tavern along Route 108 for lunch. Then it was back to the field for the awards. There was a problem with the vote counting, so, the awards ceremony was pushed out to Sunday. We all headed back to the condo and prepared our annual BBQ steak dinner for the club members. Phil Roy was going to join us this year, but it turned out that he could not make it to the dinner. None-the-less, we had a great dinner and lots of talk about the day.

Sunday was another beautiful day and the group prepared the house for our departure. Dick and Jim decided to head back home on the back roads. Lee and I went to the

show field to see what the awards would be. Unfortunately, although Jim's MGA was the best out of the 1500s, he did not take an award. Since there were only three cars in the class, only two awards were given. The same happened in the 1600s, but I was fortunate enough to take a Second Place. Marv Stewart took first place. I think all the 1600s were quite comparable, but the crowd liked some better than others. After the awards were announced, Lee and I took our separate ways back home, both taking the Interstates most of the way.

Overall it was a great show and a great weekend with good friends and renewed acquaintances.

Safety Fast,

Jack Horner
President, Bay State MGA Club

MGAs on the field (Dennis Eklof's is the first car, mine is the second, and Marv Stewart's is the fourth).



Dinner Saturday Night

