

BSMGAC Drive to Rogers Motors for Tea Recap

Sunday, July 30 was a great day for a drive. We had several club members arrive at my house in Westford, MA for the drive out to Rogers Motors (Geoff and Andrea Rogers' business in Shutesbury, MA. Chuck O'Neal and Deb were in his MGA and John Gill and his mother-in-law, Madou, had his MGA (formerly Jan's MGA), and John's daughter, Sarah, and her husband, Chris, were in John's MGBGT. We left just after 10:00 am and headed west on Route 40 and then northwest on Route 119. John and Chris had to turn around in Ashby because of a work commitment of Chris's, but Chuck, Deb, and I continued on. We turned south on Route 101 and picked up Route 12 North into Winchendon where we picked up Route 202 south. This took us a short distance on Route 2 west until we picked up Route 202 south again on the west side of the Quabbin Reservoir. We stopped at Herrick's Tavern just south of the Route 2 interchange and met up with Scot Padgett with his MGA and his friend Rob with his TVR. Don Tremblay also arrive (not in his MGA) with Haden, his golden retriever. We had lunch and beer and then headed to Geoff and Andrea's for Tea around 1:30. We got the grand tour of the new workshop and office/shipping area and then went through several of the garages looking for parts. You can visit their website for contact info and parts and cars for sale: <http://jollyrogersmotors.com> . After looking around for a while we sat down for Tea under a pop-up tent with a picnic table. I have to say one thing, Geoff and Andrea really know how to put on a Tea. Their daughter, Fiona was also on hand to help out. Now that she is driving I quizzed her about old cars. She is one of the few young people I know who know about cars and knows how to drive a car with a stick shift/clutch. It was refreshing! Geoff and Andrea have done a great job of teaching her about old British and Swedish cars (and I am sure they have taught her about old trucks as well!) We had a wonderful day for a drive and great company.

Safety Fast,

Jack Horner
President, Bay State MGA Club

Rogers Motors' new shop in the background with some of the participating cars for the drive

