

Bay State MGA Club Annual Meeting and Potluck Report

It is snowing again today as I write. It is supposed to be over a foot of snow. Last week it snowed a foot here as well. So much for the early spring weather we were enjoying. I was going to drive an MG to the meeting at Dana and Kathy Booth's, but the roads were still salty and wet from the snow last week. We started gathering just before 1:00 pm and setting out food. The potluck had a great variety of dishes and I think everyone enjoyed it very much. There was a variety of beer as well as cider and other beverages. We sat around the dining table and shared stories about our adventures and our cars over the years. I think Dennis Eklof has owned his MGA the longest, followed by Don Tremblay. Both cars required total restoration (years ago). After eating we gathered in the sitting room and started our meeting about 2:00 pm. We had just started when Paul Robinson arrived, so, he did not miss anything. Judy gave a Membership report and Treasure's report. There are many members who have not renewed yet, so, if you are one of them, please send in your \$20 dues. Don't miss a single issue of the British Marque Car Club News with our news and updates in it! For those who have renewed, thank you!

I asked for nominations and we had some discussion. There was a motion to retain the current executives and it was seconded and we had a unanimous vote to retain the current leadership. You can find our leadership info on our website at www.bsmgac.org under "About Us". We then went on to discuss the various events proposed for this year. I will highlight several proposals, but check the website for events as we update it to see what is most current.

The first event will be our annual Tech Session on May 6th at the home of Jan and Jack Horner. (See separate article for info). Saturday, May 5th is NAMGAR's Drive Your MGA Day. We don't have a planned event, but get your car out and ready to head to the Tech Session on the 6th! Dennis Eklof is planning a drive to Hancock, NH in May, but we don't have a date yet. June 3rd is the Connecticut MG Club's British By the Sea. Perhaps some of us can caravan together to the show? June 7-9 is the British Motorcar Festival in Bristol, RI. NAMGAR GT43 is 12-17 June in Richmond, VA. I am planning on going. Anyone else planning on going? June 24 is Larz Anderson Auto Museum British Car Day in Brookline, MA.

July 7 is the Castle in the Clouds Car Show in Moultonborough, NH. on July 15th Dana and Kathy Booth will be hosting a gathering of the Ford Model T Club to drive to the Codman Estate Antique and Classic Car Show in Lincoln, MA with a potluck lunch to follow. He has invited the MGA Club to come along. July 28 is the British Cars of New Hampshire Show of Dreams in Hudson, NH.

We will be having our own separate BSMGAC Summer Picnic at the home of John and Carole Gill in Littleton, MA on August 5th. We are again sponsoring the MG/Rover Day at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum in Brookline, MA on August 18th.

August 31 to September 3 is the Vintage Festival at Lime Rock Park, CT. I am hoping to see Scot Padgett racing his MGA this year. The British Invasion at Stowe, VT is September 13-16 this year..

John Gill is thinking about a Progressive Drive to travel from one member's house to another that may include a progressive meal(s) in order to have members be able to participate and see some of the member's cars that we may not get to see. We also want to think about driving tours in areas that we don't get to often in order to see some of our other members as well, so, if you have an idea for a driving tour in an area we don't get to often, please let me know. We talked about getting younger drivers interested in MGAs and there is a proposal to involve a VOC-TECH school. We will be looking into that. We are hoping to have a drive out to Rogers Motors in Shutesbury again for Tea, but we don't have a date yet. There are a number of cruise

nights during the summer. One is Wings and Wheels at the Minuteman Airport in Stow, MA on Thursday nights starting June 3rd and going until August 30 with the exception of July 5th. Also, Kimball Farms has a Friday night Cruise Night all summer long in Lancaster, MA. There are many other local clubs with activities and we hope to coordinate with some of those, but I don't have commitments yet from any of them. Stay Tuned and watch the website and club emails regarding upcoming events.

I hope to see many of you at various events this year. I know there are some fresh MGA restorations that should be ready for the season, so, let's see them on the road!

Safety Fast,

Jack Horner
President, Bay State MGA Club