

## Winter Greetings and This and That

Well, the Holidays are behind us and spring is ahead! It has been a cold December and a bit of snow, but this has provided garage time to tinker on the MGAs and make progress on the MGA Coupe I am working on. We had a few members come to the MG T-Party Holiday Party and I think everyone enjoyed meeting other MG enthusiasts. Our next get together will be the Annual Planning Meeting and Potluck in March. Reserve the dates of March 11 for the meeting and March 18 as the snow date. Dana and Kathy Booth have graciously offered their home again as the site of the meeting. More information to follow. Please be thinking of the activities that you would like to host this year and email me or bring your ideas to the meeting to discuss and get on the calendar.

We love our MGAs for various reasons, whether it is nostalgia for our younger days, the beauty of the lines of the car, the fun of driving down a winding back road on a summer evening or fall crisp day, or taking the car to a show and meeting up with other enthusiasts to socialize, or for many other reasons. We also run into various issues due to the age of the cars and another enjoyment, at least for me, is what I call garage therapy where I can go out and work on one of the various projects on the MGAs. It might be something very simple such as fixing the INOP map light on the dash that has not worked in 15 years, or, it may be complex like taking apart the dash board on the coupe and installing new Vynide on the facia and reinstalling all the dash components and installing the refinished dash in the car. Some projects may take a few minutes and others hours and days to complete. Many of the projects lay in various states of incompleteness for weeks or months while waiting for parts or time to get back to them. For those who have refurbished their own cars, I am sure they can relate to what I am saying. But, no matter how small the project or how long it takes, the enjoyment of tinkering on the bits and the relief of stress it brings is well worth it. Even when our cars have been completed, most of us own and drive the cars for many years and this presents ongoing maintenance and many occasions to just touch the cars and lovingly apply our expertise to fixing things and invariably wear out over time. Sometimes there can be frustration when things don't go as planned, but in the long run it is satisfying knowing that we have maintained our cars and can continue to enjoy the open road with them.

It is that time of year again to ask for you to renew your annual dues to the Bay State MGA Club. Our membership year runs from March 1 to February 28. For those that we don't see very often, remember that we have several events each year to enjoy talking about our cars and to drive them and show them. We also include a subscription to the British Marque Car Club News where we publish our club news.

Please remit your \$20 membership dues to Bay State MGA Club c/o Judy Pruitt, 23 Elwell Rd., Jamaica Plain MA 02130. You may also pay dues online using PayPal, credit card, or debit card. This can be found here: <http://bsmgac.org/members.html>. You do not have to have a PayPal account to use a credit/debit card.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 978-399-4059, or drop me an email. I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing each of you this year at our events.

Safety Fast,  
Jack Horner

President, Bay State MGA Club

Brian Denis' 1958 MGA Roadster



Jack and Jan Horner's 1960 MGA Coupe progress

