

Late May and Early June Report

The BSMGAC participated in the Addison Gallery tour and drive to the Ward Reservation for a picnic lunch on May 27th sponsored by the MG T Party. We had a number of interesting cars including my MGA, Bob and June Jolin's MGC, Charles Dyer's TR6, Roy Crane's AH 100-4 and Dana and Kathy Booth's AH 100 "Nasty Boy" with the Ford 302 in it. We had other participants from the clubs. Some went for ice cream afterwards, but I drove home.

On June 2nd I took a drive out to Geoff and Andrea Rogers' place in Shutesbury, MA to pick up a part for my MGA project car and also to drop off some parts in which Geoff had an interest. We had a nice time visiting and Geoff showed me several MGAs he had picked up and put together as projects for others which he has sold, but have not been picked up yet. He also shows my his Jag XK140 MC and another XK150 he is working of for a customer. If you need anything related to MGA or pre-1968 Jags, Geoff is a good place to start.

On June 5th I had breakfast with John Gill and Mike Stockwell. We caught up in news and car projects. They have both been busy with new grandchildren, so, have not been able to attend many events this year so far. On June 8th Gary Jones brought his MGA over to put up on the lift and Don Tremblay came over and we repaired his turn signal and figured out why his brake lights were not always working right. We found that the turn signal switch did not have any internal components, so, we rebuilt it with some spare parts I had and now it works perfectly. The MKII rear taillight bulb socket was a bit worn, so, we installed a new phenolic spacer and also found that the modern 1157 bulb did not work well. I had some used vintage bulbs with larger contacts on the bottom and these seemed to work a lot better and were not as sensitive to losing contact. Gary is preparing for The Great Race at the end of this month, so, he wanted to make sure he could pass the safety inspection. We also added some additional nuts on the rear end U bolts and put some unlock nuts on the steering rack.

On June 10th Gary, Don, and Ken Mulkayhey drove to Bristol, RI for the British Motorcars in Bristol car show. We found a number of club members there, but only one brought his MGA. That was Phil Roy with his Twin Cam. We also talked with Chuck O'Neal and his girlfriend, Deb, and David Schwartz. They both had Morris cars there. I also talked with Scot Padgett. It is always good to see him! Two members of the Boston Area MG Club I spoke with were Mike Oliva and Michael Crawford. Mike had is beautiful 1937 MG TA Tickford there.

So, it has been a busy summer so far and although I am missing NAMGAR GT-48 in Memphis, TN, there are still plenty of more local shows and we hope to have some more drives this summer. I look forward to seeing many of you at the shows and drives.