

Bay State MGA Club Spring Driving Tour 2016

The BSMGAC held a spring drive on May 15, 2016. I was worried about the weather, as is usual in New England in the spring, but the day turned out to be only slightly overcast in the morning as people started arriving at the Horner house in Westford, MA. There was coffee and donuts as some folks had about an hour drive to get there. It was also quite cool with a stiff wind blowing. I have my MGA out without the hood erected and I think this embarrassed the others into putting their MG's hoods down as well. With the heater on and bundled up, it was not bad. We departed on the drive around 10:00 am and headed out Rt 40 to Groton, MA and then out Rt 119 to Townsend, MA where we took Rt 123/124 north and west. It was a very pleasant and leisurely drive on these back highways. As we crossed into New Hampshire (some call it The Shire), the temperature was markedly colder. We encountered a few light sprinkles on this portion of the drive. We followed Rt 124 into Jaffrey, NH and made a brief stop for those who needed petrol and a loo break. We then headed north on Rt 137 to our lunch stop at Fiddleheads Cafe (<http://www.fiddleheadscatering.net>). After a pleasant lunch of their delectable selections we headed toward Greenfield, NA on Duncan Road, going over a covered bridge and past Greenfield state park where we had been before on a Summer Picnic several years ago. We picked up Rt 31 south and in Wilton took the Burton highway (as termed in the 1800s) to Frye's Measure Mill (<http://www.fryesmeasuremill.com/shop.html>) to spend some time wandering the mill and looking at the antiques, vintage box making equipment and the new thin wooden boxes they sell that are new versions of the boxes they made for measuring dry goods.

The weather has turned sunny and dry by now and it was much warmer. We took the Davisville road south to Rt 101 and at this point some of the participants split off from the tour to make their individual ways homeward. The rest of us headed south on Rt 31 again and then onto Rt 119 in Townsend, MA. By the time I got to Groton, MA there was only one car besides mine still in the tour! Ira Cohen split off at this point to head home and my nephew, Henry, and I made the last few miles home by ourselves. Overall it was a very nice day and tour and everyone enjoyed the lunch stop and mill tour. On the tour we had Bob Peate and his MGA, Ira and his MGA, Henry and me in my MGA, John Hall in his MGA, Bernie Hall in his MBG, Dick and Nancy Fabrizio in their MGB, Jim Guyot in his MGB, and Paul Zink in his MGB. We also had Don and Jon Tremblay with their dog, Hayden, in a Ford and Don's co-worker Mihir in his car. It was a good turnout for the day and it was great to see everyone who came.

Safety Fast,
Jack Horner
President, Bay State MGA Club

MGs at Fiddleheads Cafe



MGs at Frye's Measure Mill

