

Bay State MGA Club Spring Tech Session Report

April 17th dawned with beautiful spring weather for the Tech Session. I put all the cars out of the garage in preparation of needing workspace for various projects. Members from both the Bay State MGA Club and the New England MG T Party started arriving near 10:00 am and congregating around the coffee table set up in front of the garage. We had a few guests as well from various other clubs and friends of members.

We started out with a simple oil change on Judy Pruitt's MGB as she could not stay for the whole session. Once this was completed we put Angus Ross' MGA 1500 Coupe on the lift and went through the process of bleeding the brake hydraulics and clutch hydraulics. The next project was going through some adjustments on Chuck O'Neal's MGA 1600 MK II roadster. He had installed a rebuilt/re-curved distributor from Advanced Distributors (<http://advanceddistributors.com/wordpress1/>) and wanted to ensure that he had set the timing correctly. Also, the carburetors were running lean. We set the needle seats to .07 inches below the bridge and this gives a good mixture without having to count flats and use a color tune, or other methods. We found the timing to be adjusted correctly with 10 degrees BTDC at idle and 35 degrees at 3200 RPM. This particular distributor has been set up specifically for unleaded ethanol fuel and is supposed to have a little more advance at the high end than before and a little lower advance at the midpoint. Chuck was please with how the car performs now.

Don Tremblay brought a co-worker with him who was not familiar with our little British cars. Mihir was given rides in an MGTF, MGA, MGB, and MGC and thoroughly enjoyed each one, although I think he liked the power of the MGC the best.

A little after noon we heated up the grill and started cooking sausages, hot dogs, and hamburgers. There was tons of food brought by members, so, no one went away hungry. We had many people coming and going during the day and everyone had a great time telling stories about their cars and experiences with MGs. Unfortunately we did not tackle all the projects, but we did get a lot done. The last folks left around 4:00 pm and overall it was a good day to drive over in an MG. We even had a few German MGs (Porches). Thank you everyone who came and to those who brought coffee, food, and beer!

Safety Fast,
Jack Horner
President, Bay State MGA Club