Bay State MGA Club goes to the British Invasion XXV, Stowe, VT

The weather was perfect on September 17, 2015 as we gathered at our meeting location of Mike's Mini-Mart in Fitzwilliam, NH at the corner of Rt 12 and Rt 119. As I was driving up Route 119 I heard a clunk and something bouncing under the car and thought that a passing car had sent something across the road and under my car. When I got to our meeting place I found that the center medallion on my grille had popped off and that was the noise I heard. Members started arriving there around 10 am. After coffee and doughnuts and seeing some folks we know from the New England Triumph club we set off for out trip north. I was in the lead with Dick and Nancy Fabrizio, Jim and Ellie Guyot, and Tom and Deb Duffy following in their MGAs. We had a leisurely drive up Rt 12 and across the bridge over the Connecticut River onto Vermont Rt 5 and then through Bellows Falls and onto Route 103 into Ludlow, VT where we had lunch. We then picked up Route 100 north all the way into Stowe, VT. We arrived around 3:00 pm at the condo that some of the club members were renting. I made a run to the grocery for some quick supplies and then we relaxed with drinks and hors d'oveures and I spent some time in the hot tub with a cigar. We went to the Cactus Cafe for dinner as it was just across the road.

On Friday Jim and Ellie and Dick and Nancy took a drive to a winery along Rt 7 at Shelburne, VT. Tom and Deb and I hung out for a while and then they went off exploring locally. I went to the show field to pick up my registration materials and then explored the vendors to see if there were and deals I could not pass up. Members Geoff and Andrea Rogers were setting up their tent for vending and their daughter, Fiona, was helping. Geoff (http://jollyrogersmotors.com) always has great parts (lots of "shiny bits") at good prices.

The group had dinner at "the Whip" at the Green Mountain Inn at 5:30 (thanks, Dick, for making the early reservations!) and then we parused the cars on Main Street at the street fair. We came across Don and MaryJane Tremblay with their friends. Don was wonderful and brought me an NOS medallion for my grille (still in the original box)! I also ran across Steve and Ellen Mackay with his beautiful MGA MKII displayed on the street. We then retired back to the condo for drinks and I went into the hot tub again.

Saturday was again a beautiful day and we made our way onto the show field and took our places on the field. We had two classes for MGAs: 1500 and 1600 (with Twin Cam, MKII, Deluxe, roadsters and Coupes) mixed in as appropriate to with the two classes. We did not have any club winners in the MGA 1500 class, but we did in the MGA 1600. Steve Mackay took first place, Phil Roy took second place, and future new member Mike Rosen took third. Mike's car was restored by Michael Crawford who does wonderful work in the Hopkinton, MA area. And, of course, Steve did his own work it shows in the awards he wins. I spent some time with members Roy and Jane Crane sitting behind their car on the field as well as encountering other MGA owners like Steve Devine, former members Joe Castellano and Gail Carrigan, and I am sure there are others I am leaving out. It was nice to see Don and Linda Irving with their MGA as well. A friend, Lee Kline came up on Saturday and joined us on the field and then stayed in the condo overnight. The club had a steak dinner at the condo for any member in good standing although most

members at the show had other plans for the evening. We had a nice evening nattering and in the morning the Duffys took of early as they had an extra long drive. The rest of us packed up and cleaned up the condo before leaving and then caravanned back the same route as we had driven up on Thursday to return home. We again had lunch in Ludlow before completing our trip. It was great seeing everyone along with all the wonderful MGAs on the field. There were nearly 30 MGAs represented at the show.

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President, Bay State MGA Club

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