

Bay State MGA Club Annual Planning Meeting and Potluck March 12, 2017

The BSMGAC Annual Planning Meeting and Winter Pot Luck will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2017 (with a snow date of March 19th) starting at 1:00 pm at the home of Dana and Kathy Booth in Carlisle, MA. We will be discussing the activities planned for the club this year, those we host and those we participate in with other clubs. The planning session will start around 2:00 pm and go until about 4:00 pm with socializing before and after. Please coordinate what to bring with Dana and Kathy by contacting them at 978-369-5702 or email dana.a.booth@gmail.com. The Booth home is located at 44 River Road, Carlisle, MA. This is just off Rt 225 just west of where the road crosses the Concord River. For those members who attended the meeting last spring you will remember where it is. If there are any changes to the date, I will send out an email to the members.

Winter is here for another 6 weeks according to the Ground Hog!

Just when we thought this winter was not so bad and that we were going to miss the worst of it, all of a sudden, we are getting the winter weather we missed up until now! I had an email from Chuck O'Neal and he said he had been out in his MGA several times over the winter when the road were dry, driving around Bolton, MA. Now we have 1 1/2 feet of snow! Well, one of the nice things about having a heated garage is that I can go out and tinker on the MGA Coupe project (and other projects even while it is blowing 40 mph outside with snow everywhere. Roy Crane came over yesterday to see the progress on the Coupe and it was nice and warm in there. Even though I only turn up the temperature to 60 degrees, it is quite comfortable. I have been rebuilding the back of the MG TF because I was rear-ended while attending GoF (Gathering of the Faithful) 100 in Concord, NH last September. I have had the frame straightened (Phil's Frame in Shirley, MA is fantastic) and I had Nashoba Valley Auto Body straighten and repaint the panel below the spare tire. I purchased a new luggage rack from Classic Luggage Racks International and some miscellaneous bits from Moss Motors to put it back together. It is almost finished! Since the last time I wrote, I have installed the engine and transmission into the MGA Coupe chassis and added the brake lines. Did I ever mention that this Coupe was Jan's before we met (she bought it in 1981). We drove it out from Chicago after we moved to MA. This was around 1989 or 1990. I am working on the transmission tunnel and once that is installed I can do the floors. Dana Booth has started again on his MGA roadster and is currently making new floors using his old ones as patterns. It will be exciting to see his progress at the Annual Meeting and Potluck. Please plan to coming for the get together and help plan the events for this year. Our next event will probably be a tech session in April. If anyone has ideas for that, please let me know at fredmhorner@gmail.com. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Potluck and Planning Session.

Safety Fast,

Jack Horner
President, Bay State MGA Club

Progress on Jack's 1960 MGA Coupe

