

## **Bay State MGA Club shines at British MotorCar Festival in Bristol, RI.**

By Carl Berg

BSMGA club took first (Michael Cohen 1600 MkII) and 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Carl Berg 1600) in the 1600/MKII class of 8 cars at the British Motorcar Festival June 8 and 9, an improvement over last year's first and third awards. The Festival started with a Hidden Highway Drive through southeastern RI and MA on Friday morning. After Friday registrations at Colt State Park, an evening parade of LBC's drove a short route to Independence Park on Bristol Harbor. There were approximately 80 cars escorted by Bristol Police around the picturesque town center with many enthusiastic spectators along the route cheering everyone on and getting close up views of the cars parked in the reserved areas. Participants and visitors had a great time sampling the local food tent and visiting the many great restaurants in Bristol.

Next day at Colt Park the field opened at 9 AM and even more people toured the grounds to see all kinds of British marques of great quality. The Queen and her Prince arrived with a cannon salute. People's choice voting took place from 9AM to 1 PM with voting in 33 classes, as well as a ladies hat competition and awards for best British attire. Great period music was heard throughout the morning and locals continued to tour the field well after voting closed. Awards for cars entered in the highly selective Concours competition were issued first, followed by Peoples choice awards, with Concours and First place winners taking a victory lap around the field.

This festival is operated by the same people that run the larger British invasion coming in September in Stowe Vermont. Our group of BSMGA members will also be well represented in Stowe so don't miss the fun.

Carl on the way to the show



Carl's car in front of Restaurant on Main Street, Bristol, RI

