

Happy New Year from Bay State MGA Club

We had quite a number of events in 2019 sponsored by BSMGAC as well as attending events by other clubs. The New England region is rife with British car clubs and it is easy to find one to participate with. This year, 2020, we will have our annual Winter Potluck and planning session at Dana and Kathy Booth's house again on March 22 (hoping to avoid some of the snow which is common through March in New England!) More information in the next British Marque, but please reserve the date. I hope to see many of you there this year and it will be a time to share stories and renew acquaintances as well as plan events for the year. If you are unable to attend or just want to give me your ideas in advance, please feel free to email me. We are always looking for members to host events, so, if you have an idea for a drive, rally, museum, event to attend, or anything else that may interest our members, please feel free to share.

Don Tremblay and I just attended a garage visit and then a Newport Car Museum tour sponsored by British Motor Cars of New England and had a nice time talking with some of their members. Al Rosen and been encouraging us to attend their events. This year they are sponsoring the British Motorcars in Bristol on June 12 and 13, 2020. This show is similar to what was the British Motorcar Festival which is no longer being put on by Micheal Gaetano and team. These are some of the events that we can participate in and in which we can enjoy with fellow enthusiasts. If an event falls on a day when the weather is not great, or the distance is further than you want to take your British car, feel free to attend anyway in your daily driver as we always love to see everyone even if they don't have their favorite MGA.

As some of you may recall from last year's BSMGAC Tech Session I had acquired a 1948 MG TC project car. I have started working on it and am at the point of starting some reassembly. I have included a picture of the progress. As anyone who had restored their MGA or done major projects on one they will know that sometimes things don't always go as smoothly as they had hoped and must resolve unexpected problems along the way. These issues bring with them unexpected expenses as well as delays in overall completing on the project. The MG TC project is no exception, but it is fun to solve each problem and it often brings in other enthusiasts for discussions on how to solve the problem. Peter Ross from the New England MG T-Party has been a great help with this project. Also Dana Booth lent a hand while I was installing the engine and transmission. Roy Crane has been an inspiration and expert in recommendations on some of the materials to use in repairing the body. He is restoring an AH 100-4 and I am using some of the same techniques he has used.

Let's make 2020 a great MGA driving year and enjoy many of the back roads and byways that New England has to offer our little cars.

Safety Fast,

Jack Horner
President, Bay State MGA Club

The MG TC project



