

Holiday Greeting from Bay State MGA Club

It has been a tumultuous year and lacking in MGA activities but we are about to start a new year and we have the opportunity to celebrate the Holidays looking forward to a better year to come. This year has provided a lot of garage time to work on the MGAs and the TC project along with helping some friends and club members with their cars. We have taken precautions to stay safe but still enjoy the company of others. We MGA humans are a social bunch and it does our soul good to socialize with friends and family. Stay vigilant and cautious as we go forward into the new year.

I have the cars mostly tucked away for winter and have connected float chargers to the batteries to keep them fresh. I still have lots of small projects to do over the winter on the TC and I plan to do quite a few more carburetor rebuilds. If you know any one who needs MGA carbs, I have piles of them! I am still driving the MGB GT that I got on the road in the spring. We have been having some phenomenal late warm weather and it is great to go for a ride here and there in an MG. Since my storage space is limited I can only get the cars that are at the front of the garage out, so, that includes the MGB GT.

There are a number of MGAs for sale from club members as well as quite a few projects out there if anyone wants to do a full restoration/MGA build. Feel free to contact me if you or anyone you know wants an MGA or MGA project. I heard from Jim Freeman (a former member) who is still in the process of rebuilding his MGA. Paul Zink, from the Boston Area MG Club, was over for some body repair work and he had just been up to see former member Steve MacKay in Maine. Don Tremblay came over for lunch and we rebuilt a MGA light switch. The light switch is notorious for failing (mostly because they are 60 years old, not because they were poor quality). I have a pile of reproduction light switch that have all failed because the switch was overloaded by having higher wattage bulbs and often more lights added to the circuit and often poor ground connections drawing more current than the switch could handle. I am now installing relays to protect the light switch (but that does not alleviate any other high current draw issues). I have seen Roy Crane a few times. We had lunch and he also needed a few bits for his Austin Healey restoration.

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and, again, I wish everyone a Happy Holiday season and look forward to seeing you all in the new year. Lets make 2021 a great year for driving out MGAs!

Safety Fast,

Jack Horner
President, Bay State MGA Club

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