

August 1, 2021 Flash Drive Report

Since the weather this summer had been very unpredictable I decided to do some drives a little more “spur of the moment” only giving about a week’s notice that it was being held. This is because that is about the amount of lead time I can see on the Weather Underground web site. For example, as I write this article it is pouring rain and this has been on the weather updates for about a week! So, that being said, I sent out an email invite to the club members about a week in advance of August 1, 2021 and then a reminder. We had a nice turnout of 5 cars. We met on Route 119 in Groton, MA at the Blackbird Cafe on a beautiful sunny day (not too hot and not too humid!) We gathered around 10 am to have coffee, breakfast, or a snack before starting the drive at 11 am. This gave folks some time to drive from their various locations to the starting point (that in itself was a good drive for some members!) John Gill came with his 1959 MGA (that used to be Jan’s) but he could not stay for the drive. So, as we waited for others to arrive, Dana and Kathy Booth, John, and I chatted about what we have been doing over the past months.

Others arrived and after I took a look under the bonnet of Judy Pruitt’s MGB to investigate why it wanted to reduce idle RPM and die at stops, we formed up and I led the group on the drive north and west. I led the way with my 1960 MGA 1600 coupe followed by Judy in her MGB (with her son’s mother-in-law as passenger). Then came Bill and Jane Yoder in his 1962 MGA 1600 MKII roadster followed by Chuck O’Neal with his girlfriend Deb in his 1962 MGA 1600 MKII. Bringing up the rear was Dana and Kathy Booth in his 1955 AH 100-4 “Nasty Boy” with the Ford five liter engine.

We drove out on Route 119 into West Townsend, MA and took Route 124 north and then Route 123 north into Peterborough, NH. I had intended to enter the town through a bridge off of Route 202 north, but the bridge was being rebuilt, so, we continued north a bit and after the highway crossed over the river I took the first left and followed several small roads along the river back south and into town. It was a really nice little detour and I will probably use it again in the future! We arrived at the diner about 12:30 and got a table outside in front of the diner. We had a nice lunch (huge portions!) and after gathering back at the cars headed back the same way we had come and then on to our various homes from Route 119 again. Everyone enjoyed the ride and Judy said I must have worked my magic since she had no problems with the engine stalling at stops!

Safety Fast,
Jack Horner
President, Bay State MGA Club

The cars on the drive



Club Members at the table



The Peterborough Diner

