

Bay State MGA Club goes on Boston Area MG Club's North Shore Drive

September 19, 2021 was a bright and sunny day and not too hot for a change. the BAMGC had invited the BSMGAC to join in the fun on the annual North Shore Drive. I had not been in a few years, but decided to take the MGA roadster with the top down (the top had been up all summer as it was just too hot out). So, I took the highways to the starting point on Route 128 north at the Beverly rest area. When I got there Dick Fabrizio was already there with his MGA and then Judy Pruitt with her friend Joanne Lonergan came in Judy's MGB and Pete Wadsworth came in his MGA with his friend Shiela. We waited around for a while and more and more cars showed up (from the BAMGC). We introduced ourselves and actually met another MGA owner, John Buckley, who has since become a member of our club. Eventually Paul Zink same and started off with the driver's instructions.

We then lined up and headed up Route 128 to the next exit and drove through Manchester-By-The-Sea, MA. One of our tasks was to count the number of times we saw "Sea" in any sign and give our answer at the end. Some say they saw this a lot in our first town, but I did not see any! But I did count 11 instances, so, we shall see what happens. In any case, I was so busy looking for signs and following the cars in front of me and making sure we did not lose any cars behind that I don't really know the routes we took or all the towns we went through. I do know we passed Gordon College in Wenham and drove into Hamilton and then into Ipswich. We then drove through Essex and into Gloucester where we were stopped for 20 minutes by the bridge being up right along the shoreline. We drove all the way around Cape Ann and back into Essex where we had a late lunch at the Village Restaurant. Paul took on some wonderful scenic coastal roads and some very obscure roads and were great sports car roads. Overall it was a wonderful drive and fun to be with a lot of MG and other British Car enthusiasts. There were about 25 cars total and it was quite a chore keeping them all together. We only got lost for about 1 mile, but Sheila was able to get us back on track and Pete was able to lead us to our final destination. It was great being with the MGA folks at lunch and always nice to catch up with friends.

Safety Fast,
Jack Horner
President, Bay State MGA Club

BSMGAC club cars: Dick, Jack, Judy, Pete (in background)



