

BMCNE British Motorcars in Bristol, RI Report

Deb and I just got back from the British Motorcar Festival in Bristol RI. (June 6-7, 2025)

Unfortunately, it looked like the threat of bad weather cut participation significantly. However, the weather turned out fine for the entire show but with slight fog and occasional very light drizzle at the very end.

The Friday night party was great.

The popular Judging for this show was done in a VERY interesting way. Each registrant was given a unique QR code to scan in their phone contained in their registration package, loaded the app, and the list of classes with each car was presented and all you had to do to vote was select the car with a tap! Voting stopped at 1 PM and the results were ready 5 minutes later!

Instead of the LONG announcing process of the winners as in previous shows by naming each winner in each class one by one, 3rd, 2nd, 1st, and waiting for them to pick up their prize, the three winners in the same class were announced at the same time. No long boring pontificating on each car and the winner either...like in Stowe.

The entire winning field was done in under ½ hour and we were out of there before 2 PM. A very class act and should be a template for future shows.

The drive back was rather nasty with MAJOR rain and thunder until we hit the Mass Pike as we were heading north on 495. The MG RV-8 handled it well

BTW, Bruce, British Marque, got an award for his 35 years of producing it. In his brief speech accepting the award, he said that this car club BMCNE was the inspiration to take on producing it as well as many car clubs in Massachusetts. He didn't mention any by name but I was wondering if you perhaps were one of them?

Anyway, I attached a photo of the three MGA's that showed up. I didn't recognize any of them and I forgot who won that class.

BTW, I got 1st in my class of "MG Other".

I'll comment on my MGA work in the other thread we have going.

-Chuck O'Neal

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