

Bay State MGA Club Spring Tech Session Results

BSMGAC held it's annual tech session at fellow member Steve Mackay's garage in Wakefield, MA. What a day it was to get out and drive your MGA!! The sun was shining and the temperature was a perfect 75. Ira Cohen's 1960 MGA was the subject of an "A" arm rebush job, but it ended up more like a front end rebuild. By the time I arrived Steve and Prez Jack Horner were busy tearing down the left front trunnions one of which turned out to have a very badly worn bushing in the trunnion and the threads of the king pin were badly rusted and had to be junked. Fortunately Steve had a good spare and it took a considerable amount of time to press out the old, and press in the new bushing, then ream the bushing. With the right tools and a couple of secrets Steve made the difficult project look easier than it really was. In trying to replace the tie rod end on the left side, the tie rod itself was found to have bugged up threads (no good used spare for this). Fortunately the tie rod end was in fair condition and it was put back together for another session. Steve also discovered the shocks on both sides were shot....and again he came up with a couple of good spares to save the day. The right side was, as they say "a piece of cake" and all went back together fairly easily. Replacement of the A arm bushings was probably the easiest part of the whole job! At completion of Ira's project, fellow member Judy Pruitt's 1972 MGB got an oil and filter change. While on the lift Steve checked the under carriage pointing out that one of her rear brakes was leaking, the transmission mounts were spongy and steering rack boots were torn. Too much to do these projects with out proper parts on hand. Under the hood the fuel filter was replaced as well as the inlet fuel line. Also, it was discovered that her vacuum advance had been disconnected and plugged off at the manifold...Steve made quick work of putting that back on line. Coffee, donuts, burgers and hot dogs were available and thanks go out to Lev Flint (grill master) and Paul Zink (lift master) for helping make it a great BSMGAC day. Welcome to new member Shannon Blair and his very nice white 195X MGA 1500.

Safety Fast,

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