

## Carburetor Rebuild Session for a Club Member

In November I learned of a MGA “pile of parts” in Rhode Island and Don Tremblay and I went to look at it. I decided to buy it and when we returned the following weekend with my truck and trailer to pick it up, Angus Ross joined us to help out loading the cache. I had mentioned to Angus that Don has a jig and tools for re-bushing MGA carbs, so, he brought along his carburetors for his MGA coupe and gave them to Don. A few weeks later Don and I got together and set up the jig in the drill press and drilled out the old bushings and put in new ones and then reamed them true and installed new standard sized throttle shafts. While we had the jig set up we also did 5 more carbs that Don had on the shelf. Many of you probably remember the two tech sessions the club held where we re-bushed MGA carbs. It has been quite a few years now since we had those tech sessions.

On January 8th, Angus came to Don Tremblay’s house and I joined them in assembling the carburetors with the rebuild kits and parts that Angus purchased from Joe Curto ([www.joecurto.com](http://www.joecurto.com)). He supplied Nitrophyl floats and Viton float bowl seals (as the originals can deteriorate with the modern ethanol fuels). We spent quite a bit of time cleaning parts and replacing parts with parts Don had had cadmium plated so that the carbs look great. Angus is now tracking down the remaining bits he needs to install the carbs on his MGA. He currently has a Weber on the car, but wants to return the car to original. Don has quite a collection of NOS (New Old Stock) parts that he has accumulated and he asked Angus to help identify some of them that Don did not recognize. The jury is still out as to which model of car many of these parts go to. We called our session “LBC therapy”. It is always great to get together with like minded Little British Car enthusiasts and tinker on the cars. It provides a relaxing atmosphere to get your hands dirty, talk cars and drink beer! Thanks go out to Don for providing the expertise and shop and to Angus for providing the project.

Please remember to get your dues in to Judy Pruitt at 23 Elwell, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. They are still only \$20.00. We will be holding a planning session in early March and will send out an email with info as to location and date. Anyone interested in hosting the annual planning meeting please contact me at 978-399-4059. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our club events and those sponsored by other clubs as well.

Safety Fast,  
Jack Horner  
President, Bay State MGA Club

Photos are included below:

Jack operating the drill press

