

## **Bay State MGA Club Summer Picnic 2014 wrap up**

July 27th, 2014 promised rain and boy, did it rain! There were two brave club members who joined Jan and me at our house to start out the drive to Quabbin Reservoir. I had put up the top after looking at the weather map, but did not bother with the side curtains. Joe Castellano and Gail Carrigan put their top up about two miles down the road where we stopped for a cross walk and it began to rain. The rain kept up the rest of the morning and into the early afternoon! We headed south on Route 110 through Ayer and Bolton and at Rt 117 we found the road closed! It was fine two weeks ago when I ran the route! So, we had to detour on 117 and then south on Route 70 through Leicester to meet up with Judy Pruitt, JoAnne Lonergan and Ira Cohen in Clinton. There was a bit of confusion about where to meet, but thank goodness for cell phones we finally found each other. We proceeded west on Route 62 and met up with Geoff and Andrea Rogers in their Jaguar MkII sedan. We stopped briefly at Barre's Dunkin Donuts and then proceeded south on Route 32 to Route 9 in Ware and then on to Quabbin Park. Joe and Gail decided to head back from Ware since they had some other things to attend to. When we arrived at the observation tower there was Scot and Michelle Padgett in their 1971 Ford truck with a shelter erected for us to have our picnic lunch under! We broke out our lunches and ate and shared stories under the shelter and by the time we were finished the sun was out. We even had a Red Tailed hawk keeping us company up on a safe perch on a branch for a while. He was probably waiting until we left the field so that he could hunt there! Some of us took a stroll up the hill to the tower and enjoyed the views.

We then were led by Geoff and Andrea to their house for tea and an exploration of their menagerie of car parts. It was very pleasant sitting under the trees in the front yard and having real English Tea with the wonder baked goods that their daughter, Fiona, made. Their son, Angus, also was there to say hello. As tea was over we all went our separate ways to make our own way back home. Overall, even though it was a bit wet, it was a very nice tour and BSMGAC event. I look forward to seeing you all at some of our future events.

Safety Fast,

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