

V8 Register – MG Car Club

Minutes of V8 Register AGM held on Sunday 7th September 2025 at 12.00 noon

Location of the meeting: V8 Gazebo at Croft Circuit near Darlington

Chair of the meeting: Tony Smith

1. Apologies for absence

Keith Belcher, Peter Berry, Ken Clayton, Peter Ellis, Julian Holmes, Walter Kallenberg & Clive Wheatley.

2. **Approval of the minutes of the last meeting** (V8 AGM 2024) held on Sunday 30th June 2024 at the Malvern Three Counties Showground. Approval proposed by Ralph Hardwick and seconded by Dugald MacNeill following which the minutes were approved by a show of hands with no abstentions.

3. **Matters arising** - no matters were raised.

4. V8 Chairman's report

Tony Smith referred to his report prepared on 15th July 2025 which was posted to the V8 website and available via a link the V8 Register AGM information webpage well ahead of the meeting.

Link: <https://www.v8register.net/8888/250715-v8-chairmans-report-as1.pdf>

- **Club's major annual event for 2025 held at Croft Circuit**

Tony felt the successful event provided an attractive programme of activities over the weekend for Club members attending the event and thanked the Club Chairman, her fellow Board members, the Club Office staff team and Noel Lindford with his Tyne Tees Centre volunteers for their major workload in setting up and running the event. The careful planning, negotiations with Croft Circuit and coordination as a team had produced a first class event and one that was financially viable for the Club.

- **V8 Register display**

Tony mentioned the new V8 Gazebo provided a focal point for V8 Register members meeting up with a display of MGV8s alongside. On Saturday there were 19 and on Sunday 20 MGV8s on display. One member was present with his Jaguar XK120 with a plastic film badge on the window saying "my other car is an MG!". As usual at the Club's major event members and their guests were welcomed with tea and coffee and pastries and biscuits in the V8 Gazebo which provided a convenient place to meet up.

- **New members with an MGV8 recruited**

Tony reported the good news that four new Club members with an MGV8 had been welcomed over the two day event.

- **95th Anniversary of the creation of the MG Car Club**

Tony mentioned that he and a number of other V8 Register members had attended the enjoyable 95th Anniversary lunch held in the BRDC Clubhouse at Silverstone in June 2025.

- **Old No 1 Lands End event**

Tony briefly mentioned attending the event with a large group of Club members and that it was a memorable event recalling Old No 1's involvement as an MG in that memorable event many years ago.

- **Peter Ellis received the Marque of Friendship Award**

It was presented to him at the V8 Yorkshire Tour 2025 based in Ripon. His major contribution to the Club in previous years as a volunteer editor of Safety Fast! is still remembered and valued. He is currently the editor of our two successful workshop notes series.

- **Club's major event in 2026**

Tony mentioned he is supporting the Club Chairman and her team in reviewing possible venues for the next major annual Club event. It's likely the location will be in the central south of England.

- **Board member as the contact for the V8 Register** – Club Vice Chairman Neil Brandt now has that role

5. V8 Treasurer's report

Copies of the V8 Register's accounts for the year to 31st December 2024 and an interim financial report covering the 6 months to the end of June 2025 were circulated at the meeting and had previously been

available for fellow members on the V8 Website. John highlighted the income is generated by the sale of **cars for sale adverts** and **v8 parts for sale or wanted adverts** on the V8 website, the sale of sets of workshop notes (although updates are available free to members who have previously purchased a full set) and a modest income from other sources including interest on cash deposits. He mentioned the V8 Register continues to be a financially viable branch within the Club with a modest growth in turnover and cash of around £7,000.

Link: <https://www.v8register.net/8888/250907-v8-treasurers-report-2024.pdf>

Approval of the annual accounts for the year to 31st December 2024 – proposed by Jim Gibson and seconded by Ian Lindley and was then approved by a show of hands of members at the meeting with no abstentions or objections.

6. **V8 North Yorkshire Tour report**

Tony mentioned the tour had been a popular event blessed with warm and dry conditions for touring the interesting routes in North Yorkshire prepared by Ian Lindley to attractive locations like Ampleforth Abbey and village. Feedback from many members was very positive indicating it was a success.

7. **V8 Spares report**

Tony provided a report from Clive Wheatley on his activities with resourcing much needed replacement parts for MGV8s:

- **New replacement rear lamp units for the RV8 model** because they had become no longer available from the usual sources and are very much need by many RV8 owners who have a damaged lamp unit.
- **New RV8 windscreen glazing rubbers.**
- **New stronger windscreen frame for the RV8 model.**
- **New of the original exhaust manifolds for the MGBGTV8 model.**

8. **Election of Officers (Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary)**

As usual a temporary chairman of the meeting was required and Victor Smith was proposed by Tony Smith, seconded by Dugald MacNeill and approved by a show of hands with no objections. At this point Tony Smith stood down as chairman of the meeting.

- **Election of a V8 Chairman**

Tony Smith was nominated by Lorraine Noble-Thompson and seconded by Victor Smith and then elected as V8 Chairman by a show of hands with no objections or abstentions.

- **Election of a V8 Treasurer**

John Cumming was nominated by John Deed and seconded by Graham Wills and then elected as V8 Treasurer by a show of hands with no objections or abstentions.

- **Election of a V8 Secretary**

Ken Clayton was nominated by Victor Smith and seconded by Robert Crowson and then elected as V8 Secretary by a show of hands with no objections or abstentions.

At this point Victor Smith stood down as temporary chairman of the meeting and Tony Smith resumed chairing the meeting.

9. **Any other business**

- **Recruiting new Club members with an MGV8**

Dugald MacNeill reported 28 new Club members with an MGV8 had been seen in 2025 to 31st July and 38 by the end of August. With 3 more members seen over the weekend at Croft that takes the total to 41 – 20 (MGBGTV8s), 15 (MGRV8s), 2 (V8 Roadsters) and 1 (MGBGTV8 Conversion). Dugald urged all members present to register their MGV8 with him so the V8 Database could be updated to maintain good records of the MGV8s.

- **Next MGV8 Price Guide six monthly update**

Victor Smith reported the preparation of the next update is in progress based on “spots” of MGV8s seen offered for sale or listed for auction and the data will be analysed and released as an updated price guide together with a market review in early November 2025. He thanked Keith Belcher and Ken Clayton for their valuable work in spotting and sending in data on MGV8s seen for sale.

- **Rolling V8 Calendar to the end of 2025 and into 2026**

Tony Smith mentioned the events planned are:

- **NEC Classic Car Show** in November 2025 where an MGV8 will be one of the MGs on display on the Main Club stand.
- **MG & Triumph Spares Day at Stoneleigh** in February 2026 where the V8 Register will be supporting the MGB Register stand.
- **V8 Curry evening at Knowle** – details of the arrangements for this traditional event will be released by Ian Quarrington on the V8 website and in Safety Fast! when the arrangements have been made.
- **MGV8Parts Open Day** on 10th May 2026 near in Worfield near Bridgnorth – Clive Wheatley will welcome V8 members at his workshop and there will be presentations in Grosvenor House and refreshments. Full details will follow and be released on the V8 website and in Safety Fast!
- **EEOY 2026 in France 21st – 24th May** – details will soon be available on the Club website and in Safety Fast! with booking expected to open on 15th September 2025.
- **V8 Tour 2026 (Monday 8th to 11th June 2026)** – based at the Peak Edge Hotel in Chesterfield, Derbyshire S45 0LW. The tour is being arranged by Ken Clayton, Ian Lindley and Tony Smith. Further details will be available later and booking will be announced later too.

With no other business matters to discuss the meeting closed.