

MGBGT V8 Roadmaster Project seen by Piers Hubbard in Louisville Kentucky



MGBGT-V8

Roadmaster Project

Towards the end of production the MG factory at Abingdon made available in the European market a V8 engine option for the MGB. To do so they used the smallest V8 engine ever produced by Buick, later sold to Rover, an all aluminum motor of 215 cu.in. or 3.5 liters. In keeping with that and American traditions, we of the British V8 community formed a Charitable Organization and built this car, taking the Buick/MG connection full circle by installing the largest Buick V8 ever produced, the mighty 455 Big Block. The car's final weight (under 2500 lbs) is 200 lbs more than average, half of that contributed by the engine. A front air ride suspension, custom bolt-in Jaguar IRS rear suspension and T5 transmission completes the drivetrain.

The car displays the fine handling characteristics that the MGB was justly famous for, simply adding massive power to the mix, and by doing so epitomizes the GT or Grand Touring class. It is truly a master of the roads.

The car is owned by the British American Deviant Automotive Sportscar Society, N LLC. (B.A.D.A.S.S.), which currently has upwards of 50 members, all of whom have contributed to this build. The project has been completed entirely by voluntary donations of time, components, supplies, parts and money and took under 5 years to complete. It will appear at the annual British-V8 meets where rides can be taken. Between meets it will be on rotation among the contributors all around the country where it will be displayed at local schools, car meets and other activities.

Please feel free to look the car over. It has many nice custom touches not seen on regular production MGBs but remains true to the original concept, which is to take an established production model and increase performance and sporting potential. <http://forum.britishv8.org/read.php?2,166,page=80>

Jim Blackwood, past-President

Piers Hubbard reports he has seen an MGBGT V8 whilst visiting Louisville Kentucky. An information panel on the offside rear window explains the project and is reproduced above.