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**V8 Curry Evening**

A curry evening is a popular start to the season for V8 enthusiasts and in recent years has been held on the Saturday evening before the Stoneleigh MG Show the following day. For 2012 the curry will be on Saturday 18th February at the Palash Bari, an Indian restaurant in the village of Fosters Booth on the A5 in Northamptonshire near Towcester. Prior bookings are necessary with Tony Lake on 01604 589104 – full details are available on the V8 website.

V8 Tour 2012 in mid Wales

Based at the four star Metropole hotel in the spa town of Llandrindod Wells in mid Wales over the weekend Friday 31st August to Monday 3rd September, the V8 Tour 2012 will have a programme of tours and visits. The tour organisers are Carolyn and Bob Owen. Further details of the tour and

booking arrangements will follow next month.

Official type approval for the EZ EPAS system in Switzerland

Following the two page review of available power assisted steering options in the December issue, a Swiss RV8 enthusiast, Michael A. R. Bernhard, has reported that through his hard work with a local classic car specialist and with EZ Power Steering in Holland they have obtained official type approval in Switzerland for the retrofitted EZ EPAS system on his RV8. We should have more on this later.

20th anniversary for the RV8

The RV8 was launched at the British International Motor Show in 1992, 30 years after the launch of the MGB, to keep the MG name alive although deliveries were

not made until early 1993, so several RV8 20th anniversary events are planned for 2012. They include a V8 Dinner at Sywell aerodrome near Northampton on Friday 22nd June to coincide with the Club's MGLive! weekend meeting at Silverstone. Also the RV8 20th will be celebrated at the 2012 Swiss Classic British Car Meeting to be held on Saturday 6th October 2012 in Morges on Lake Geneva.

Factory MGBGV8 mystery solved?

Mike Clemas registered his V8 as Teal Blue 0522 but the Factory production record showed it had been finished in Glacier White. So we dug a little deeper and found another car, Teal Blue 0533, had been registered several years ago as a Glacier White car. On further checking the two cars were both in Programme Schedule 47 as numbers 8 and 18 respectively. Sadly we can no longer discuss this type of query with our former V8 Historian and Archivist, the late Geoff Allen who had been in Rectifications Department at the MG Plant for 27 years until the plant closed, but I do recall him chuckling when he saw people stating with total certainty various facts concerning MG production details. The Factory production records were manually updated so if he were still with us it's likely he would say the possibility of a simple mistake in entering the details was the likely explanation as we understand both cars have not had a very thorough rebuild and respray over the last 34 years.