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### RV8GT in Australia

News of a new MGRV8GT built using an original RV8 shell has come from Ross Boyd in Australia who says "I wanted to keep the RV8 as a complete car using all the new body work and parts. Yes many people will say why ruin a good RV8, well mine was from Japan and in pretty poor condition. So the whole car has been stripped and rebuilt, including a change of colour to the internal leather and new timber veneers. The

sunroof is from a Calibra and was a perfect fit to the side rails of the RV8GT. The rear guards are also unique as I wished to keep the curve of the RV8. Every other RV8GT I've seen has kept the top of the guards as standard. I've had special side window made and urethaned them in, more like a modern car. The front doors are fully framed and special quarter vent windows are also urethaned in." The completed car looks very good and has the timeless GT lines.

### Modified RV8s

Our RV8 Registrar and Historian John Bolt keeps a close eye on the details recorded by enthusiasts when they register their cars with the V8 Register. John says "although the RV8 was never made in left hand drive by the Factory, today we have at least eight cars that have been converted to LHD by continental RV8 owners. Twelve RV8s have had a change of body colour and two cars have an automatic gearbox which was not standard equipment or an option when manufactured. Probably the most popular and practical modification is power assisted steering using either electronic or hydraulic electronic equipment and it improves the driving comfort considerably."

### Swiss V8 Register meeting

The Swiss V8 events are popular with the growing number of V8 enthusiasts in Switzerland and their next V8 Get Together is on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011. Victor Rodrigues says "if by chance any UK V8 Register member are driving to Switzerland at this time they would be very welcome to join us." If hotel accommodation is required you can get advice from Victor – see the V8 website for his contacts.

### Editor

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