



### V8 enthusiasts active near Oslo

On a recent family visit to Norway I met up with two V8 enthusiasts from just south of Oslo, Halvor Asland in Vollen and Rolf Lindholm from Slemmestad near Røyken. Halvor has a heated and well insulated garage and workshop at his home and is preparing a V8 transplant in his rubber bumpered MGB Roadster using an ex TVR V8 engine mated to a T5 gearbox. He also has Hoyle front and rear suspension upgrades to put on using a back axle with disc brakes and an LSD from a Ford Granada. The Norwegians are well used to cold winters with plenty of snow and Halvor mentioned in passing that classic car enthusiasts enjoy a mid-Winter tour in their MGs, Healey and Jaguars cars around the Oslo area. By tradition all entrants turn off

their heaters and drive top down! This is intended to equalise the situation with enthusiasts driving early models where a cockpit heater was not available! On very cold days, passengers travel in arctic quality sleeping bags to keep warm. This year it was not too cold by Norwegian standards but Halvor mentioned that one year the temperature was minus 25C - then it was a serious matter keeping warm! Quite how the drivers kept warm was not clear.

### V8 Picnic in the Park at Belton House

Following the successful V8 Picnic in the Park at Calke Abbey organised by Ken Clayton and Carol in 2010, Mike Taylor and Richard Withington are organising another on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011 jointly with the Lincolnshire Centre at Belton House, a National Trust property near Grantham in Lincolnshire. The day is also "Drive your Classic Car Day". Booking form is available on the V8 website. Details from Mike Taylor on 07769 902187.

### Rare collection of RV8 publications and spares for sale

It's not often a substantial collection of brochures and dealer display materials used for the launch of the RV8 model comes up for sale but the first batch of 24 items has been offered for sale on the V8 website by Gavin Bailey. The items include several useful manuals, not least a rare

RV8 Owner's Manual AKM7144GER translated for the German market. There is also a collection of some 55 RV8 spares several useful manuals, not least a rare RV8 Owner's Manual AKM7144GER items on offer including a relatively rare RV8 spacesaver wheel ZKC5997 fitted with a Michelin TEX T125/80 R15 95M tubeless radial tyre on a steel rim. The tyre wall markings say "temporary use only, maximum speed 50mph / 80kmh and inflate to 60psi or 4.2 bar". Gavin says "I do have more!" and notes there are only a few photos of the spares as many are sealed in their original boxes and he does not want to break them open. These publications and spares are available as he is having a clearout to make room for his newly restored MGBGT V8 after the sale of his RV8 last year.

