



#### **Mike Breedon steps down as BCV8 Chairman**

Mike Breedon, a longstanding V8 member, was at the Club's successful two day race meeting at Snetterton in early October with his ex John Tadman Class D MGBGT V8 he has campaigned in the BCV8 Championship for many years. It was driven at Snetterton by Joe Parrington as he is taking over the car as Mike mentioned he has had to retire from active motorsport. Sadly he is also standing down as chairman of the BCV8

Championship after many years of real service to the Club.

The BCV8 championship series was started back in 1974 by Barry Sidery-Smith and Victor Smith to provide a Club based series at a time when MGB and MGC cars were struggling to be competitive against more modern sportscars in the BRSCC "Prodsports" series. It has gone on to be a most successful and popular championship for more than 36 years and today with the powerful MG V8 cars is real spectacle to watch.

#### **Highlands tour in 2013**

Many V8 members will be pleased to hear the Caledonian Centre has been awarded the European Event of the Year in 2013 as their record of arranging successful tours in the Highlands is wonderful. Several V8 members are involved in planning the event and the work they have done, not least in finding a venue with sufficient hotel accommodation and dining room seating capacity for a large event, has been impressive. The routes they have in mind

through the Highlands will offer an attractive combination of relaxed roads with opportunities to visit places of interest and take in the stunning views of the mountains and glens. Many V8 enthusiasts will be keen to join the tour in 2013 as that year is also a significant for the V8 Register - we will celebrate the 35th anniversary of the formation of the V8 Register in 1978, the 40th anniversary of the launch of the MGBGT V8 model in 1973 and the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the launch of the RV8 in 1992.

#### **V8 Curry Night 2011**

The V8 Curry is usually set for the Saturday evening of the Stoneleigh MG Show so members can combine a visit to both. With the confirmation that Stoneleigh is to be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February, the date for the V8 Curry is Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>. The location will be in the Northampton area and the choice of restaurant will be settled soon once Tony Lake's researches are concluded!

#### **Swiss enthusiast buys the first rubber bumper MGBGT V8**

Longstanding Swiss V8 enthusiast, Jacques Milliet, has bought the MGBGT V8 (Teal Blue 2101 and originally owned by Geoff Allen) for his son Louis. Jacques knew Geoff well, visiting him on his frequent trips to the UK and has acquired the car from John Davies who had advertised the car for sale on the V8 Website. On hearing the news, Jean Allen was delighted to know Geoff's V8 would be going to a very good long term home with a younger enthusiast.

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