

REGISTER UPDATES

V8

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Rebuilding an MGBGT V8

Barrie Jones bought a V8 (Damask 0450) advertised for sale on eBay in April 2008 as a restoration project. The car needed major work and his regular photo rebuild reports on the V8 website have revealed many of the trouble spots with an MGB bodyshell. The series has proved popular and after a seven month break, work resumed at the end of October when he sent in his 19th report followed by the 20th not long after. See the link in the bottom lefthand corner of the V8 website homepage.

V8 Curry 2010

An annual V8 Curry Night in February has been a tradition of the V8 Register from its formation in 1978. This year it will be on Saturday 20th February at the Pan Asia Dining Room in Cambridge. It proved a popular place last year with a mixture of Far

Eastern dishes, not just gut testing curries. The date is also convenient for members planning a visit to the Stoneleigh MG Show the following day, so many members stay overnight in or near Cambridge. It is essential you book early and our online booking system is open on the V8 website. The V8 Currymaster this year is David Biddle.

V8 Cambridgeshire Tour 2010

David Allen is planning the next V8 Tour for the long weekend Friday 10th to Monday 13th September with a programme of visits to Fenland attractions and an ancient Cambridge college. The base will be the Holiday Inn at Cambridge. Further details of the event, booking arrangements and location maps will be available on the Rolling V8 Calendar on the V8 website in the next month.

Online auction of V8 book

The book MG V8 – 21 Years On has been out of print for some years and increasingly difficult to get hold of, even secondhand copies. Recently copies had been auctioned on eBay with one copy selling for just under a £100 which caused some astonishment on a V8 Bulletin Board thread. So a couple of members indicated they had spare copies they would be pleased to sell to fellow V8 enthusiasts rather than see them bid up to silly prices on eBay. The online auction of the first copy of the book held on the V8 website closed at £60 and went to fellow V8 enthusiasts, Chris Bone in Norfolk, who was clearly pleased to get hold of a copy. Further

auctions are planned.

MGBGT V8 Conversion sold

Robert McGillivray reports his 1975 V8 featured in this column in November sold rapidly to a buyer from Germany. The number of MGBV8s and RV8s sold to buyers in mainland Europe and Ireland has been a clear feature of the market over the last six months or so, no doubt encouraged by the strong Euro which makes V8s advertised in the UK particularly attractive to Euro buyers at present.

Thinking of getting a MGV8 and would welcome a chat with a V8 enthusiast?

If you are thinking of getting a Costello V8, Factory MGBGT V8, MGBV8 Conversion, MG RV8, MG ZT260V8 or an MG SV and would like to talk with a V8 enthusiast with the model you are seeking, then we have a helpline with a panel of members who will be happy to discuss what you need to know about the model and what to look for when you inspect a car for sale. We also have a series of useful guides we have developed with a concise briefing highlighting the key areas of concern you will need to check out. See the panel at the foot of the V8 website homepage. You will also need to make the prudent checks you should make when buying any car - to help you there are additional notes on those checks with some useful checklists and sample documents too. Our panel of V8 Register members is coordinated by John Bolt. See the link on the homepage of the V8 website for more details.