

# REGISTER UPDATES

## V8

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### V8 30th Anniversary Week

Bookings for the week of events to mark the 30th anniversary of the V8 Register having been rolling in over the last couple of months. The week includes interesting events that will appeal to wives or partners who may not share our more technical passion for V8s - a relaxed visit to Rousham House in Oxfordshire, a river boat trip on the Thames and a tour of the Hook Norton Brewery. Two technical events are a V8 Maintenance Day on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June and a visit to the British Motor Heritage Body Plant at Witney the following day.

### V8 Dinner

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June the anniversary week will conclude with a V8 Dinner at the art deco clubhouse at Sywell Aerodrome near Northampton, not far from Silverstone Circuit. It will have many of the traditional features of some of the memorable V8 Dinners held in the 1980s and of course our last V8 Anniversary Dinner in 2003.

### V8 Marquee and V8 BBQ

The V8 Register will have the traditional marquee at Silverstone providing a welcome and a place to meet up with fellow V8 enthusiasts. On Saturday evening there is a V8BBQ on a ticket only basis - full details and booking arrangements are on the V8 website or internet phobics can call the Victor Smith for information. The V8 Annual General Meeting is held at 12.30pm on Sunday lunchtime at the V8 Marquee and is usually well attended as many V8 members are able to attend and participate whilst they are at the Club's annual Silverstone meeting

### V8 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Silverstone 2008

This month there is plenty for V8 enthusiasts to enjoy. We have the V8 30th Anniversary Week of events from Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> through to the V8 Dinner on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, and then the week conveniently rolls into the Club's annual International MG Meeting at Silverstone over the long weekend.

### V8 Grapevine is coming soon

An interesting set of new online services is about to be launched known as the V8 Grapevine. This website based system will enable visitors to check whether a particular MGBGTV8, Costello V8, V8 conversion or MG RV8 is on the new V8 Register Database. There will also be a number of "member only" services - a detailed search for an MGV8, an MGBGTV8 factory records search and you will be able to look up members in your area by UK county or overseas country.

This exciting development is the result of major upgrading work on the original V8 Database with the help of a website and IT specialist, Steve James, the son of the T Register's John James. The aim of the upgrade is to create an online system where members can check their registration details and make vehicle

enquiries in a similar way to the successful systems Steve created for the T-Type website. The New V8 Register Database will in fact be two databases - a secure Offline V8 Register Database holding all the vehicle and member data and a smaller Online V8 Register Database to which only selected data will be uploaded from time to time. It is important to stress that members' names and telephone contacts will only be uploaded to the online system where a member has previously noted on their registration application to the V8 Register that they wish to have that information circulated to fellow members. In all other cases the system defaults to "No release of data" and a detailed vehicle or member search in those



**V8 Grapevine**  
vehicle records/factory production archives/member contacts

**Search for an MGV8**  
The V8 Register maintains records of all known MGV8s and these are now available for online searches. The search criteria are Car No or VIN and/or the registration number (licence plate) together with the model of MGV8. If the car is on the V8 Database you will be able to see the information online. This service is available on an "open to all" basis.

**Register an MGV8 with the V8 Register**  
Register your MGBGTV8, Costello MGV8, MGBV8 Conversion, MG RV8 or MG ZT 260 V8 with the V8 Register now using the convenient online form. The services and support available from the V8 Register are free to V8 enthusiasts who are registered with the V8 Register and are members of the MG Car Club. [Joining the MG Car Club](#)

**Update your existing registration with the V8 Register**  
Update your MGV8 details or your contact information using the convenient online form which sends your data automatically to the V8 Registrar. You can check the current record we have with regard to the release of limited data to fellow members of the V8 Register by using the member search option below and update it. We take data protection seriously.

**Full search for an MGV8**  
The V8 Register maintains a record of all known MGV8s and these are now available for online searches. The search criteria are Car No or VIN and/or the registration number (licence plate) together with the model of MGV8. If the car is on the V8 Database you will be able to see information online. This service is only available as a [Club member service](#).

**Search our factory production records**  
Members with an MGBGTV8 can purchase a search of our factory production records produced from a handwritten copy made by the late Geoff Allen when he was in Rectifications Department at the Abingdon factory. This is a pay-for service only available to Club members. Further records are available at the [Heritage Motor Centre](#).

**Search for a member or the members in your area**  
Limited member details are available with this search - member name, MGV8 colour, Car No/VIN, country/county and telephone number. This is only available where members have previously agreed to the release of limited data to fellow members of the V8 Register. The default is "no release of data". This service is only available as a [Club member service](#).

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cases will show "Withheld" against the name and telephone data fields on those online reports. There will be convenient new online registration and registration update forms so members can very easily change their data release status to meet their current requirements. We take data security seriously so this split system was essential. The V8 Grapevine should be fully operational in a month or so – further news is available via the V8 Grapevine logo on the V8 website homepage.