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As we move into Summer, the events for V8 enthusiasts increase.

V8 Gathering at Sulgrave in May

A lunchtime gathering is planned for **Sunday 31st May** at the Star Inn in Sulgrave, a village just north of the A43 between Silverstone and Brackley. It's a Hook Norton pub and if the weather is fine an informal lunch in the garden will be enjoyable. If you are thinking of joining the event do let Ian Quarrington know on 07769 856101 so we can forewarn the pub of numbers for catering.

V8s at Coys MGLive! In July

For the Club's annual long weekend meeting at Silverstone from Friday 10th to Sunday 12th July, our traditional marquee will be alongside our usual V8 parking area. The marquee should be open from early afternoon on Friday and there will be plenty to see and enjoy as it will be an active first day of the Club's three day MGLive! event. Earlier in the day on Friday there is a visit the visitor centre at the Hook Norton Brewery followed by an informal lunch from around noon at the Pear Tree Inn, a pleasant pub at the entrance to the lane leading to the brewery. On Friday evening there will be the traditional informal V8 supper at the Star Inn at Sulgrave from around 7pm and on Saturday evening another of the popular V8BBQs by the V8 Marquee at Silverstone with a delicious supper cooked by Clive Wheatley's BBQ team. As over 100 suppers were cooked in 2008, booking is essential to ensure sufficient supplies are available for V8 members and their friends. Online booking for the V8BBQ will open in the last week of May. On Sunday there will be the V8 AGM held at the V8 Marquee at 12.30pm. It is held at the Club's main annual event so many V8 members can attend and

participate. In the Club's main marquee we shall have an MG RV8 on display over the three days of the event this year.

V8 Tour 2009 in October

The next V8 Tour in the popular series is planned for the long weekend from **Friday 2nd to Monday 5th October 2009** and will be based at the Buxton Palace Hotel in the centre of the gracious spa town of Buxton in Derbyshire. Mike and Maria Taylor from Lincolnshire have very kindly offered to prepare and run the tour and are planning beautiful sights above and below ground in this lovely part of England, including visits to delightful villages and small towns, Dove Dale ('Little Switzerland'), Chatsworth House, a cable car ride from Matlock Bath to the Heights of Abraham, and Poole's Cavern where you more or less just walk into the hillside with just a few steps. Details of the programme of visits and events and how to book by mail order are available on the V8 website. Early booking is strongly recommended.

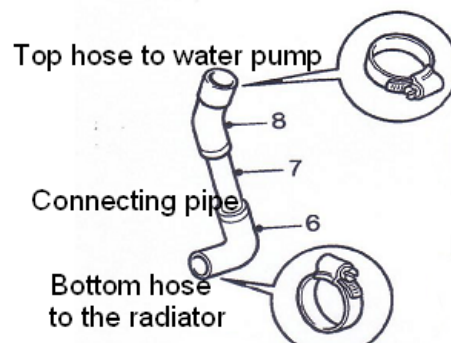
Check the steel connecting pipe between the lower cooling hoses

This month our technical note is from John Holmes. It is a brief note but it is nonetheless a useful reminder of a check you should make when you change the rubber or silicone cooling hoses on your RV8.



Steel pipe connecting the two lower cooling hoses is badly corroded with a hole. (Photo: John Holmes)

I recently purchased a set of replacement silicone cooling hoses from Clive Wheatley. Whilst changing the hoses I found that the metal pipe connecting the two bottom hoses was badly corroded to the extent that there was a hole. I obtained a replacement and understand from Clive that he has sold a number of these pipes.



Location of the connecting pipe. (Source: RV8 Repair Manual AKM7153)

Choosing replacement tyres

A V8BB thread on this topic revealed that a popular tyre choice for both the MGBGTV8 and RV8 is the Continental Premium Contact 2. Tests on similar tyre sizes with this brand published in the Which? Magazine in 2008 and again in April 2009 showed they came out on top of its product tests showing good dry and wet braking performance and good wet cornering grip too. A number of members have reported they have chosen this tyre as a replacement and noted that it gives a more comfortable ride and a notably lower "thump" from the suspension riding over drain covers and bumps in road surfaces. More replacement tyre feedback is always welcome via the useful online survey on the V8 website.