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V8s at MGLive! in early June

For the Club's annual long weekend meeting at Silverstone from Friday 4th to Sunday 6th June, 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.

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 6.30pm. As the supper will be in the dining room of this friendly pub, you need to book a place using the online booking system on the V8 Website or call David Biddle on 07803 131007.

On **Saturday** the V8 Marquee will provide a familiar refuge for V8 enthusiasts and a warm welcome to our new members together with V8 Regalia on offer from Julian Holmes. A particular attraction this year will be spectating the racing on the full Grand Prix circuit, a rare treat for MG enthusiasts. In the Club's Main Marquee there will be a display of racing MGs. In the early evening there will be a "bring and cook" V8BBQ by the V8 Marquee with a limited amount of covered seating in case of inclement weather. Unfortunately our usual team of

cooks are not able to be with us this year so this informal alternative is being arranged by Mike Taylor so call him on 07769 902187 for further information.

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.

V8 Gathering at Hazeley Heath

On Sunday 16th May there will be a lunchtime meeting at the Shoulder of Mutton from noon with bar lunch available. Further details on the Rolling V8 Calendar online or from Bryan Ditchman on 0118 932 6346.

Classics in the Walled Garden

Ian Quarrington and John Bolt enjoy this popular, relaxed and enjoyable event organized by classic car enthusiast Peter Madden. It is held in the walled garden on the Luton Hoo estate on Wednesday 30th June 2010 from 4pm. For further details see the online Rolling V8 Calendar and for bookings contact Ian on 07769 856101.

V8 Cambridgeshire Tour 2010

The next V8 Tour is over 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 are

available on the Rolling V8 Calendar on the V8 website or you can contact David Allen on 01778 343235.

RV8 boot lid gas struts

Peter Wallis from Hampshire posted a note on the V8BB with a useful, moneysaving tip on sourcing replacement struts at a competitive price. He said I've recently had to replace my gas boot lid struts which I obtained directly from Stabilus on 01332 298126 - part number 2399AS price £12.50 each. "Every little helps!" Peter Garton from Germany responded "If one has direct contact to Stabilus, I was wondering whether they can increase the internal gas pressure of the struts so that when one opens the boot lid it opens up without any additional lifting help?" Peter Wallis replied "I just fitted the two new struts and they are excellent. I imagine yours like mine were just past there sell by date as the new set works perfectly."

Lindsay Caffin added "I had my struts regassed when I arrived home with my RV8 in Australia from Japan, 18 months ago. I had my BMW bonnet struts regassed and they were working well after five years when I sold it. I would not bother buying new ones." Peter Wallis replied "Never thought of that one (regassing) Lindsay, I'll go and rescue the old ones!"

Simon Austin in Canada added "it's ironic this message should appear as I was suffering from flat struts on my RV8. I was going to order new ones from the UK but fortunately, there's a fellow in the Vancouver area who sells strut kits and can recharge existing struts. I took mine in and a couple of days later I installed them and with the push of a button, the trunk lid swings wide open. This is the place that repaired mine."

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