V8 REGISTER MG CAR CLUB SECRETARY'S REPORT, AGM JUNE 2024

- 1) This report covers the period from April 2024 to June 2024. Reports on my activity during the period June 2023 to March 2024 are available on request from V8 Register Chairman Tony Smith.
- 2) I have continued to liaise with Tony as Chairman in respect of V8 Committee admin and with Victor Smith in respect of AGM information for the Register website and with Ken Clayton who will succeed me as V8 Secretary at this AGM.
- 3) I attended the funeral of Sally Silcock in April. In addition to many T Register members there were three V8 members and their cars in attendance. I will be supporting Bill on a fact finding tour of Mid Wales in advance of a T Register Tour there later this year. I have gained Bill's permission to use the information we gain for a V8 Tour for another year, subject to the Committee's approval.
- 4) In May I took part in a section of "The MG100 Cavalcade" where a "baton" in the form of a cardboard cut out of Cecil Kimber progressed through all the Club's Centres to mark the end of the 2023 to 2024 MG Centenary. I joined celebrations of Cecil's arrival at V8 Register long term supporters and suppliers of parts Brown and Gammons in Baldock on May 16th.
- 5) The Cavalcade coincided with a joint MG Car Club and MG Owners' Club event on May 18th at the Fairmile Inn in Surrey and on May 19th at Brooklands Motor Museum. Along with Lorraine Noble Thompson I was a member of the organising committee for the weekend. Club President John Day and I made a presentation on the history of the Marque at the Fairmile in Surrey on May 18th.
- 6) The RV8 continues to be used extensively by my wife Marion to attend marshalling duties at hill climbs, kart tracks, MSVR owned circuits plus Silverstone circuit for the Classic and Formula 1 events thus providing a presence for the Register and MG Car Club throughout the year. The car is a regular weekly sight at Snetterton Circuit and continues to attract a lot of interest in the paddock from competitors and visitors alike. The more the car is visible, the more publicity the Register will gain.
- 7) I will be taking part in the V8 Tour of the Lake District in September 2024. I am arranging a tour of Cambridgeshire on behalf of the Tyne Tees Centre in May 2025. Subject to the Committee's approval I am willing to repeat this exercise for the V8 Register in the Autumn of 2025. Please let me know...