

## V8 Technical Day 2019 – programme – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019

**Aim of the day** is to provide a compact series of presentations on topics which will be interesting and topical for fellow MGV8 members. The presentations will be supported by sets of well-illustrated slides. There will be refreshments on arrival, a buffet lunch and afternoon refreshments.

Time	Presentation	Notes
0930	<b>Welcome</b> Refreshments on arrival – tea and coffee with homemade cakes and biscuits. <b>Prompt start at 1010</b>	Booking arrangements are on the V8 Website, with route maps via the link below
1010	<b>Welcome to the “Jack Peers Centre”</b> Charles Peers will give a little history of the Centre	<b>Charles Peers</b>
1015	<b>Replacement 5-speed Mazda gearbox for an MGBGTV8</b> Presentation describing the kit and how it performs in an MGV8, what is involved with an installation and any necessary modifications, who can supply and install the kit, and what are the costs. A fellow member who has recently had the <a href="#">Mazda gearbox</a> installed in his MGBGTV8 will support the presentation. Followed by a short Q&A session.	Slide show with bullet points and illustrations. Presenter: <b>Christian Disney</b> from Vitesse Ltd (supplier) with <b>Peter Berry</b> who has had their kit installed in his MGBGTV8.
1115	<b>Are waterless coolants a worthwhile option for an MGV8?</b> Presentation describing what <a href="#">waterless coolants</a> are and their claimed benefits, then an assessment of waterless coolant products ending with a recommended choice of coolant for an MGV8. Followed by a short Q&A session.	Slide show with bullet points and illustrations.  Presenter: <b>Tony Lake</b>
1215	<b>Trackers help secure your MGV8 and aid a successful recovery if it is stolen</b> Presentation describing what a <a href="#">tracker</a> can do by monitoring a classic car, by notifying you of any disturbance to the vehicle, how a tracker can help recover the car if were to be stolen, the available tracker options, how they are installed, what 24/7 monitoring services are available and what are the costs of the kit, installation and monitoring services. Followed by a short Q&A session.	Slide show with bullet points and illustrations.  Presenter: <b>Victor Smith</b>
1300	<b>Buffet lunch</b>	Please notify the organiser of any dietary needs.
1345	<b>MGV8 market report and price guide update</b> An <a href="#">update</a> on the 6 monthly market review and price guide released in May 2019 on the V8 Website, followed by a short Q&A session.  Possibly also briefly mention agreed values for insurance renewals.	Slide show with bullet points and illustrations.  Presenters: <b>Andy Goves, Keith Belcher &amp; Victor Smith</b>
1430	<b>Tyre ageing effects and timing prudent replacement</b> Update following the articles in the V8 Newsletter published in the April 2019 issue of Safety Fast!	Short presentation.  Presenter: Victor Smith
1500	<b>Additional topics</b> The event information provided on the V8 Website will invite members to submit questions on the published presentations and also questions on an additional two or three topics. The session will take the form of a Q&A session.	Panel: Peter Berry, John Cumming, Ron Gammons, Nic Houslip, Tony Lake, Victor Smith & Clive Wheatley
1600	<b>Afternoon refreshments</b> Refreshments will include tea and coffee with homemade cakes and biscuits.	Please notify the organiser of any dietary needs in advance of the event.

### How to find the study centre at Views Farm, Great Milton, Oxfordshire OX44 7NW

See our online maps showing how to reach Views Farm, just west of the M40 Junctions 7 or 8. [Route maps](#)

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- **Are parabolic rear springs a good idea for an MGBGTV8?**

**Chris Bound** suggests this topic as he is intending to fit Bilstein telescopic dampers at both ends of the car and need to replace his (very tired) rear springs at the same time. His question is “are parabolics the way to go and, if so, should I also fit a Panhard rod while I’m at it? It would be good to have some feedback from the experts”.

- **How is a VHI declaration recorded by DVLA?**

This topic has been running on the V8BB with contributions from Peter Berry, Chris Bound, Barrie Franklin, Chris Hunt Cooke and Mike Howlett.

See the V8BB thread at: <http://www.v8bb.co.uk/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=1233>

- **Is it true that the water temperature gauges on MG RV8s are designed not to show a temperature more than normal?**

**Geoff Martin** has raised this question and it’s one many RV8 owners would be pleased to have the answer. There is an RV8NOTE on this:

<http://www.v8register.net/FilesRV8WN/RV8NOTE207-temperature-gauge.pdf>

- **What are the benefits of premium motor fuels?**

**Paul Keeler** seeks the views and experiences of panel members with the Premium Fuels now being offered by the major fuel retailers as he has seen “Premium performance fuels like Shell’s V-Power Nitro +, BP Ultimate (recommended by Ford !) or Texaco Supreme make promises to clean and protect your car and even help squeeze more miles from your tank”. Basically these super fuels or high performance fuels are petrol with a higher octane rating plus additives to clean (BP Ultimate is advertised as ‘dirt busting’) and protect the engine. Most standard brands of fuel have a 95 octane rating, however super fuels typically have a higher rating - around 98 - which can (it is alleged and is presumably a logical inference) make the engine work more efficiently and improve performance. How does this translate into our MGs? Any differences between using these for running 1800cc twin SU MGBs to for example an MGBGTV8 or 3.9 litre fuel injected RV8? There is a price differential (circa 10p/l) but our MGs tend nowadays to have very low annual mileages so not a major consideration. I tend to use these premium fuels for the occasional tank top up in my Land Rover diesel, but very hard to say if there is any difference.

- **RV8 wheel centre fixings – a security upgrade**

Practical demonstration of the new security bolts for RV8 alloy wheels and the improved “Allen” key highlighted by John Anthistle in his [RV8NOTE448](#). Any questions will be welcome.

### Catering

The catering for the event will be arranged by Lesley Smith with the welcome support from Carol Brown and Sheila Cumming.