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V8s at Zug

The Club's European Event of the Year hosted by the Swiss Centre at Zug in August who are celebrating its Diamond Jubilee this year or, as they say, "60 Years on the Move"! It was a well organized event with a warm welcome. The event attracted thirty five MGV8s from the UK and mainland Europe. Tom Studer (Damask 0109) from Zurich was there with his early LHD MGBGT V8 together with his wife Susan and daughter in their V8 Roadster (Regency Red 4501). Victor Rodrigues, the organizer of the Swiss V8 Register, had his MGBGT V8 and RV8 on display, and had arranged a V8 stand in the display hall where a special Swiss V8 Register grille badge and pin badge were on sale.

In another display hall, amongst the wonderful MG collection of the Twin Brothers, was a very attractive rubber bumpered V8 Roadster in a dark red finish. Amongst the V8s parked up on the assembly ground at Zug was Peter Forstner (Bracken 1218) who had driven down from Germany. Probably one of the most extraordinary cars there was a LHD MGC GT V8 with an engine which was curiously lowered. In fact so much so that the steering column passed through

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the nearside tubular exhaust manifolds – quite an extraordinary sight!

Several UK members were having a few problems with their V8s – Robert Crowson had work done locally on his starter motor and Dennis Wharf's MGBGT V8 developed a mysterious misfire going through the middle of France where by chance he found a former BL garage who replaced his distributor and coil. But it was not a complete cure and the collective technical deliberations of Tony Lake and Bob Grieves at Zug narrowed it down to a fuel supply problem. Dennis will report on the solution via the V8 website when Beer of Houghton has checked it over on his return to England.



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Bob Grieves (Black UM Jubilee 2788) was staying with his daughter over on Lake Zurich and I met up with him on Sunday morning as I was driven over the mountains to Zug. He was happy to follow someone who new the route! A four page Zug report with photos is on the V8 website.



Gillian and Hugh Boddington from Cheshire were at Zug with the RV8.



Victor Rodrigues with his wife Eve were working hard at Zug over the weekend.