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Headline events for 2015

For 2015 our first event is a V8 Curry held on Saturday 28th February in Knowle near Solihull the night before the Stoneleigh MG Show on Sunday 1st March. The core events are then an RV8 gathering on Dartmoor in April organised by Peter Fergusson, a V8 Technical Day on Saturday 6th June and then several events in the week ahead of the MGLive! weekend at Silverstone in June so members travelling to Silverstone can extend their stay. The programme includes a visit to Nuffield House (the former home of Lord Nuffield) on Wednesday 17th June, a visit to Bletchley Park on Thursday 18th June, the traditional lunch at the Pear Tree Inn at Hook Norton on Friday 19th June followed by a V8 Supper that evening at the Three Conies in Thorpe Mandeville near

Brackley. This year we will have a V8 table at the Club dinner on Saturday 20th June at a golf club near Silverstone Circuit. The V8 Annual General Meeting will be held in the V8 Marquee at Silverstone on Sunday 21st June at 12.30pm.

The annual V8 tour will be to Germany this year with a five day tour (plus an optional additional day at Nürburgring) organised by longstanding V8 members Walter and Brigitte Kallenberg. Full details are on the V8 website, see the "more" link below. On Saturday 3rd October Charles Peers is organising a tour of several churches in the Watlington area in Oxfordshire when we hope Ian Quarrington will be able to provide a brief organ recital. There will probably be another RV8 gathering in Yorkshire in October organised by Stuart Mumby and then the final event will be a V8 Curry at the popular Last Viceroy in Bourne End near Marlow in Buckinghamshire. See the Rolling V8 Programme of events via the "more" link: www.v8register.net/more.htm.

RV8s in Scotland

The first of the RV8s finished in Caribbean Blue was sold in December by a longstanding member, Godfrey Barnes, to Jim Henderson. The car, a UK spec car from 1993 is in Condition 1 with a hydraulic power steering retrofit and an Optimax ECU upgrade, was car previously owned by

Bryan Ditchman, the original editor of the RV8 Workshop Notes series and a regular contributor for many years. Godfrey had previously owned an MGBGT V8 in Glacier White in which he travelled with his Norwegian wife all the way to North Cape well above the Arctic Circle in Norway and back. You can see his article on that memorable journey via the "more" link below. Only a few weeks earlier we hear Robert MacGillivray had bought an early RV8 in British Racing Green so now there are at least seven RV8s in Scotland.

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Emergency contact disc

With the end of paper tax discs in October 2014 having an emergency contact disc or ECD on your screen in place of the old tax disc is certainly a useful idea and one which could provide essential information at the scene of a collision or medical emergency. The ECD is a neat set of folded panels, each the size of a paper tax disc, upon which essential contact and medical alert information can be provided. The folding method leaves only the section with the blue "Emergency Contact Disc" logo (see alongside) on display from outside the car. You can download an ECD via the "more" link.

(Photo: Godfrey Barnes touring in his RV8 in the Highlands near Fort William)