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### V8 Technical Day

This year's V8 Technical Day in June was held in the John Thornely Suite at Club Office in Abingdon. Thirty five members attended the day which comprised a series of presentations from speakers on the technical side of owning V8 MGs. The event was organised by Roger Aldridge with the support of Nic Houslip.

**Mike Macartney - Building a V8 Roadster.** First up was Mike Macartney, well known to members for his excellent series of articles posted on the V8 website who talked through his previous restoration of an covering his current restoration project

of a V8 Roadster. However at the seminar he focused on an MGBGTV8 including his planning, budgeting and management of the rebuild, as well as more detailed stories of the challenges involved! The car's owner, Dougald MacNeill, a longstanding V8 member was present with the car and members were able to examine it and see the quality of Mike's work.

**Mark Wanstall - Hoyle Suspension upgrades.** Next up was Mark Wanstall a long term MGV8 enthusiast who runs a very successful specialist servicing and restoration business, Fisher Services. In 2014 he bought John Hoyle's engineering business supplying high quality independent rear suspension, front suspension and brake upgrades for MGs. Mark brought along examples of the Hoyle upgrades and one of his customers, Richard Martin, brought along his V8 Roadster which has all the Hoyle parts fitted, so members were able to examine it in detail.

**Nic Houslip – update on V8 cooling issues.** Nic Houslip finished off the morning with a short update on cooling issues for V8s, always a hot topic! It prompted a varied discussion of members' own cooling problems.

**George Wilder and Chris Allan - "MG**

**RV8 The Manufacturing Story".** In the afternoon George Wilder and Chris Allan gave a fascinating presentation of the story behind their popular book which has been a runaway success with the sale of over 500 copies. They are now working on another book covering the "Development Story" of the RV8. They finished with video clips of the RV8 crash testing never before seen in public.

The day concluded with some updates from Nic Houslip and Victor Smith on V8 prices, VED exemption and the move to ethanol petrol plus the launch of our Tax Paid Discs for members. Debbie Brading provided a first rate spread for lunch and refreshments throughout. We were blessed with excellent weather which enabled a leisurely examination of members' cars in the summer sunshine during lunch and the tea breaks. Reports of the presentations are available via the "more" webpage at [www.v8register.net/more.htm](http://www.v8register.net/more.htm)

### V8 Summer BBQ

Bob and Carolyn Owen are hosting a V8 Summer BBQ on Sunday 19th July from 11am at their home in Mortimer, SW of Reading in Berkshire. Full details from Bob on 0118 933 2533 or the "more" webpage.