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Rubber Bumper V8 50th Anniversary Event



The V8 Register will be celebrating the 50-year anniversary of the production launch of the rubber bumper V8, which went on sale to the general public late in 1974. Planning is now well advanced for a display of pre-production and notable rubber bumper MGBGT V8s at the Inter-Club International Weekend at the Three Counties Showground in Malvern on the 28th to 30th June. The 1974 introduction of the rubber (more accurately, 'Bayflex 90' polyurethane) bumpers caused howls of dismay from traditionalist marque enthusiasts who bemoaned the apparent loss of the B's classic looks.

For the MGBGT V8, the rubber bumpers came two thirds of the way through the production run with only 735 cars so-equipped.

V8 Register member John Davies has a preference for the later cars. John now has the second-built Black, 2102 car that was owned for many years by MGCC Director Dave Saunders. John thought 2024's 50th anniversary would be a suitable moment to revisit these interesting and rare machines. He is seeking fellow enthusiasts to bring theirs to Malvern in June, with a view to creating a display of 50 cars. John is delighted to report that 2101 will travel from Switzerland with Jacques and Stephanie Milliet. The last V8 built, Flamenco 2903 will also be present. If you would like to display your RB V8 over the weekend, please contact John via pgk733@hotmail.com. Further information is available on the 'More' webpage at www.v8register.net/more.htm

GFE-121 Oil Filter, or is it?

Member Robert Rose (Citron 1646) was recently in touch with news of a V8 curio, which he recently purchased. At first glance, it seems this as an original looking Unipart GFE 121 Oil Filter. Closer inspection shows that rather

than the usual top details, the top is in fact blank with a telltale ring pull.



Rob has no idea of the contents, although clearly, it's a promotional item from Unipart'. As Rob points out, the simplest option would be to open the tin but that would destroy the item! If you know the answer, please get in touch and let us all know.

