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**Preventative maintenance with an RV8 aircon condenser fan and motor**

A useful maintenance tip to avoid rust damage on the aircon fan motor has come from John Cumming. When he took off the air conditioning condenser brackets and fans to repaint the metal work, he could see the fan blades are mounted upside down and trap water in the closed part of the fan. This trapped water then rusts the fan motor case as you can see in the photo. To avoid that rusting problem he drilled a 3 mm hole between each blade around the fan to allow the water to drain away.

He had seen the same problem on another friend's RV8 where the corrosion was more advanced than on his car, so much so that the electric motor case had holes in the side casing. He repaired the

motor case with a little metal insert and good old Araldite. John's illustrated article is available on the V8 website at:

[www.v8register.net/sf/more.htm](http://www.v8register.net/sf/more.htm)

**V8 35<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2013**

This year we have the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the launch of the MGBGT V8 model in August 1973 together with the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the V8 Register in 1978, so we are planning a compact programme of anniversary events spread over the two months or so before MGLive! rather than packing them into the week running before that major event. Full details of the events are available on the V8 website at: [www.v8register.net/a35/anni.htm](http://www.v8register.net/a35/anni.htm)

The first event is another of the popular **V8 Days Out** run by Ken Clayton at Hardwick Hall, a National Trust property near Chesterfield in Derbyshire, on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Details on the V8 website or from Ken on **07973 899056**.

**Best RV8 mods survey**

The report on the survey of members' views on 40 popular RV8 modifications prepared by Roger Aldridge shows the top five modifications based on the weighted survey scores were fitting new tyres, fitting the bespoke Spax shock absorbers, fitting poly suspension bushes, adjusting tyre pressures

and fitting a windstopper. The greater awareness of the major effect ageing tyre rubber has on the ride and handling of a classic car is a clear factor in the top rating for a tyre change. The substantial improvement in ride and handling with new rubber contributes a great deal to an improved driving experience. A similar survey of the Best MGBV8 Mods is underway run by V8 Roadster enthusiast, Ralph Coulson.

**V8 Loire Tour 2013**

Over 60 members have indicated they would like to join a five to six day tour in the Loire valley that Robert and Stella Crowson are planning for the end of September, possibly spilling into October. See the V8 website for further information.

