

**V8**

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www.v8register.net**Skinner's Union**

If you were asked in a quiz what is the connection between Carburettors and Footwear you might be tempted to answer leather, but it goes much deeper than that. The Skinner family was involved with the well-known footwear retailer Lilley & Skinner and the family wealth was instrumental in keeping the SU Company alive during some of the difficult years in the early 1920s prior to its purchase by William Morris. The history of SU is set out in a book by Mike Harvey with the title Skinner's Union published by the SU Carburettor Co.

Nic Houslip found the book is a comprehensive and well

researched history of the design of a unique type of carburettor from inception to production that we still know today, the SU variable venturi carburettor.

From humble beginnings in 1910 the development of the carburettor continued and it was fitted to many cars including Morris, MG and Wolseley for example. continuing to the peak with the HIF and similar versions into the late 1970s when fuel injection with its superior emission control characteristics became the norm. Technical and non-technical readers alike will benefit from this book, especially if they own an MG fitted with SU carburettors. For more see: www.v8register.net/more.htm

**Early RV8 for sale**

Activity in the MG V8 market has been strong over recent months and an early RV8 was on offer by Roy Miller who sadly felt the time had come for it to go. A very attractive low mileage car in Le Mans Green.

RV8 25th Anniversary 2017

A supper to celebrate the

anniversary of the launch in 1992 will be held on the Friday evening of the MGLive! 2017 weekend. Details will be on the V8 website and in next month's column.

V8 Technical Day

Unfortunately this year's V8 Technical Day has had to be cancelled.