



RV8 at the Castle of May

Marion Quarrington was on the Caledonian Centre's Tour of Orkney and on the return route visited the Castle of Mey near Caithness on the north coast of Scotland. There were 27 cars on the tour of which nine were RV8s. Marion says "we did 1,075 miles (Stirling to Stirling) and in total the journey to and from home was a smidgen under 1,900 miles with the RV8 averaged 30.5 mpg throughout the entire trip. That's a good rate of consumption for a near 4 litre V8 engine."

Marion mentioned they enjoyed good weather so had the hood down for most of the time, only putting it up overnight. The eight day tour had an overnight stop in Tain on route to the ferry at Gill's Bay, followed by three nights on Orkney and then via the west coast with overnights in Tongue, Little Loch Broom and Fort William before returning to Stirling.

Update your agreed value

In a matter of only three or four years, prices of Condition 1 MGBGT V8s have risen from the £10,500 area where they had been for many years, to £17,250 in our updated price guide released in February earlier this year. The increase is from the benefits of both the introduction of the road tax exemption concession in 2014 and the general pressures from "alternative investment" activity in the classic car market. That trend has continued and the indications are a Condition 1 MGBGT V8 chrome bumper is now around £18,545 (up 7.5% in six months) and a rubber bumper model at around £15,320 with exceptional cars at higher prices. In earlier years many V8 enthusiasts reviewed the value of their car every 2 to 3 years but in the present market

it's essential you do this annually to ensure you have an agreed value on your policy which reflects the current market price of your car and are not underinsured.

V8 Register Grille Badges available again

An initiative by Angus Munro attracted over 50 pre-orders for a new supply of small V8 Register Grille Badges. If you missed the online promotion in August then limited stocks remain available. For details see: www.v8register.net/more.htm

Classic car theft – increased security essential

With rising classic car values there have been reports of classic car thefts – a restored Jeep at Duxford and then a TR5 stolen from a lock-up garage near Basildon. Police covering the case said "owners need to be much more vigilant - additional security like alarms and tracking devices which can help recover a stolen car." A tracker will provide you with alerts of any tampering with your vehicle as a text message to your mobile phone and if it is taken away by thieves, you can get location data sent as text messages. See the "more" link.