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MGBGTV8 coping with high temperatures on tour

When Andrew Collins first started making plans to join the Club's European Event of the Year in Portugal this year, his planned route added up to about 1,500 miles in Spain and Portugal in July and August. He thought about engine cooling, and decided that at the least he needed some way of accurately knowing the temperature of coolant leaving the engine.

To provide this information he bought a small LCD temperature monitor which linked to a remote sensor element attached to the V8 thermostat housing. The LCD monitor was fitted in the centre console inside the car. Using the sensor and display quickly established that the thermostat was opening at 82 C, and the Otter switch was putting the cooling fans on at 92 C – in both cases the correct temperatures. Having temperature readout in the car is an interesting diversion, but the results were reassuring.

Andrew had often heard the assertion that "the V8 cooling system is marginal" but after the run in Spain and Portugal he doesn't agree. "The cooling system on our car is totally standard, but in good order throughout. The radiator flows well, the coolant pump works properly, the radiator pressure cap holds the correct pressure, the fans work, the thermostat is correct, the coolant passages in the engine are clear and the coolant is a 50:50 water-antifreeze mix.

After the experience of a fortnight which included a good deal of "hot and high" driving, I cannot see the need for holes in the bonnet, waterless coolant and baffles around the radiator."

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Stuart Mumby's RV8 has been sold to a US buyer

V8 Derbyshire Tour 2018

Ken Clayton has announced the next V8 Tour in the popular series will be in Derbyshire from Sunday 2nd to Thursday 6th September 2018. The event will include touring beautiful scenic routes around the Derbyshire dales and the Peak District National Park, visiting both Derbyshire White Peak and Dark Peak. Full details are on the "More" webpage.