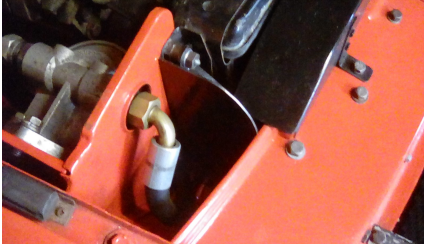




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## MGB V8 Engine Cooling

With the recent warm weather now behind us for this year, indications are that it will return with a higher frequency in the coming years. The perennial problem of V8 engine cooling returns once again. Bill McCullough and Tony Lake wrote useful Workshop Note nos 374 and 375 back in 2008. Tony has now added to the topic by sharing details of the full width aluminium plate (to replace the fibre board duct under the radiator – **Note, rubber bumper cars only**) he had made, together with a replacement steel mesh fan guard with a pair of sheet aluminium side cheeks to close the vertical gaps between the radiator and its mountings.

The combined effect was to drive down the coolant temperature on the open road.

Tony left the inevitable gaps in the assembly open, allowing some air leakage otherwise the open road temperatures would likely have been even lower.

Further information is available via the "More" webpage at [www.v8register.net/more.htm](http://www.v8register.net/more.htm)



## Tales of an imported RV8

Ian Hanstead, owner of a Japanese import RV8, no. 532, reported recently that he had to replace the exhaust system on his 1992 car. The old system appeared to be the original, so 30 years for a stainless-steel exhaust system is very good. Four cracks were found and the baffles within had worked loose – hence the rattle Ian was experiencing.

The complete new system was sourced for £890 with a further £150 for fitting. Ian is the fourth UK owner of this car, which has covered 16,500 UK miles, a large part of these in Ian's ownership, with the previous Japanese mileage unknown.

Ian also decided to remove the non-working aircon system, in line with many other RV8 owners, (parts are difficult to source) giving increased passenger leg room. A further enhancement was the fitting of an EZ electric power steering system.

## 50V8 Anniversaries Year 2023

Preparations for next year's celebration events to mark the 50th anniversary of the launch of the MGBGT V8 are progressing well. Further details will be announced later this year but please add the weekend of Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th August 2023 to your diary for these events, particularly overseas members who may like to attend. The major event on the Sunday will be at Gaydon with a dedicated car parking area outside the Museum and a private room inside for refreshments on arrival, Club and trade stalls together with a room alongside for presentations. On the Saturday there will be a buffet lunch near Abingdon.

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