

**V8**

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### V8 Roadster project out on the road for the first time

Mike Macartney's V8 Roadster project emerged from his workshop in August to travel to an appointment with his local MOT test station. It was a milestone for both Mike and the many fellow members who have been following his wonderful series of over 160 illustrated reports of work in progress which started in January 2015. The detail, honesty and frequency of those reports have made them a feature on the V8 Website many have found fascinating and informative.

Mike is now clearing a few "snagging" items as he finalises the project but above all he has had the pleasure of driving and

enjoying the injected RV8 engined car. And it's not only Mike as Jane, his trusty supporter, has also driven the car which produced a huge smile. Jane's contribution to the project was one Mike would readily agree was so important for him.

See links to the rebuild reports on our "More" webpage at: [www.v8register.net/more.htm](http://www.v8register.net/more.htm)

### Starkey elm burr gear knobs available again

Stuart Middlemiss has taken over the production of the famous "Starkey gearknobs" which are made from elm burr to match the interior trim of the RV8 model. Following the sudden and sad death of Terry



Starkey earlier this year his initiative in sourcing stocks of elm burr and working with specialist craftsmen to produce them will be a fitting legacy for Terry. Details are on the "More" webpage.

### Future classic car use

Following the release in July of the controversial report from the Centre for Economics and Business Research on how to

tackle the increasingly choked roads in many parts of Britain, a range of concerns and practical issues were raised by Sir Greg Knight (chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Historic Vehicle Group) and Geoff Lancaster at the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs. Ron Gammons had a letter published in the Daily Telegraph too. See the "More" webpage for copies of the report, comments and letter.