

Chairman's Report July 2026

A busy year again for the V8 Register since our last AGM at Croft in 2025.

It seems like a constant treadmill of activity for the Register, myself, the committee and our Register members. Best summarized as follows:-

- 1) Almost immediately after Croft I attended Club council meetin and AGM with Victor, swiftly followed by NEC and the MG Village. Great Interest in John Davies's GT V8 and much advice given and members signed up.
- 2) I also with Victor Smith attended March 2026 Council meeting.
- 3) We assisted and participated Clive's open day at his premises near Worefield – great atmosphere and convivial surroundings. Many membership packs handed out and converted ably assisted by Victor Smth, John Davies, and of course Clive Wheatley and his team.
- 4) A lot of time taken up by arrangements for the V8 Tour ably helped by Ken Clayton and Ian Lindley (see separate report)
- 5) Ralph Hardwick intimated standing back at this AGM (thank you Ralph for all you have done) and I have enlisted John Davies to help going forward.
- 6) For myself as usual I've been busy and have nearly done too much! Monte carlo, Drive it Day, Toure of Bute, Glamis Extravaganza & much more.
- 7) The V8 Register is going from strength to strength thanks to it's industrious committee and we continue to recruit at an impressive level together with attending to Register members needs.
- 8) Going forward it is MG Fest at Brand's Hatch and our V8 AGM.
- 9) Peter Berry and John Davies are helping on the day before to set up.
- 10) I have been enlisted onto the organizing committee for the 2030 European Event and am very aware of our upcoming V8 Anniversaries
- 11) 50 Years for the V8 Register, 35 years RV8, and 55 years for the MGBGTV8. V8 Julian Holmes has volunteered to support events.
- 12) I will attend Club Council meeting and the Club AGM in October 2026.
- 13) We will if we get a space exhibit at the NEC in November 2026. This year with Billy Wait's RV8.
- 14) Planning for next years Commemorative Tour jointly with the Caledonian CRB are progressing – likely to be announced in December.
- 15) Our Board representative is changed once again and is now the Club Chairman Lorraine.

Tony Smith
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