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OCTOBER proved to be a chock-a-block month and I was left feeling extremely pleased by how much the club had achieved in the four week period. In fact, I'd like to start this C/R/B Bulletin by expressing my sincere thanks to everyone within the MGCC who has worked so hard throughout the course of the month, it is genuinely appreciated.

On Saturday 2 October the European Conference assumed centre stage at Kimber House, this saw representatives from fifteen different nations descend on Abingdon. A fantastic day-long meeting brought an array of positive ideas to the fore. We enjoy strong links with our affiliated worldwide centres and October's conference in Oxfordshire helped further bolster the terrific working relationship we share. On the day, MG Motor UK Sales and Marketing director Guy Jones delivered a hugely interesting thirty-minute speech, whilst presentations were also given by Chris Seaward and I.

On the following Saturday the Council Meeting and AGM took place at The Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon. Reports from both of these are now available to view on the MG Car Club website. For those requiring a more detailed version the full minutes from each meeting will be available in due course. If you'd like to see copies of the presentations from the day please touch base with Chris Seaward here at Kimber House. Suffice to say it was a very positive day and plenty was achieved.

Of course, the main event in October was MG80! and what a spectacular weekend celebration this turned out to be. A comprehensive MG80! report will appear in the December edition of SafetyFast!, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who got involved with this truly historic event. Over 100 Worldwide Clubs from 24 different nations participated and we're confident that at least 15,000 people were involved.

Indeed, MG80! was hugely successful in uniting the Worldwide MG community. The event has opened up excellent lines of communication which I hope will remain open. If that draws the worldwide MG community closer together, then I think that will be a lasting legacy.

When you have a day or two to spare I urge you to look at the website and view all the other events that took place both in the UK and the rest of the world. You won't be disappointed.

Sadly, I missed the festivities. I was in Shanghai as a guest of SAIC to take part in their very own MG80! event. Part of their celebration was the official formation of the Chinese MG Car Club and I was honoured to be present at the organisations inaugural ceremony.

Aside from the official formation I was involved in a numerous meetings and visits. The latter included trips to the UK Expo where the MG6 saloon was officially unveiled, the Chinese MG factory and the week concluded with the Chinese MG Car Club's MGLive! event. It was a terrific experience, one I'll never forget and meeting with key figures from SAIC MG left me feeling very excited indeed about the long term plans for the Chinese MG Car Club.

There is far too much to tell about my visit in this bulletin, but I hope to produce a more detailed report for all to read and this will appear in either appear SafetyFast! or be posted on the website.

We welcomed 82 new members in October, this is significantly more than the corresponding month in 2009 and that is naturally very pleasing. Indeed, overall membership continues to look positive and were hopeful November will continue to push the figures forward

Finally this month, Kimber House is now busy preparing for the Classic Car Show at the NEC that takes place on 12 - 14 November. Of course, we hope to see many of you there. Please don't forget to hand your ticket stubs to John or Jen Inness on Club stand, we get a £1.00 back for each stub handed in to us.

We'll have plenty of new stock on display throughout the course of the weekend; it's the perfect time to buy for Christmas.

The MG Car Club Club can be very proud of its achievements in October 2010. Thanks for your continued support, as ever.

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