

Gabice Mare EEOY 2010 report from Victor Rodrigues



MGBGTV8 of the Portuguese crew (L to R - José and Ana Fonseca)



RV8s with drivers from L to R - Roeland, Derek, John, Victor and co-drivers from L to R - Willemijn, Janis, Anne, Evelyne

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Each tour was escorted by a very efficient and cooperative police escort with their 10 motorcycles and a very special and fast "Lamborghini" police car! The escort secured free movement for the MGs through the traffic – they did a simply great job which was very impressive for all participants on the tour.

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A new patrol car in the Italian police force . . . just what they need to catch speeding drivers! – and escorting MG enthusiasts on tour!



This extraordinary patrol car had undergone accident repair work at the factory at Sta Agata after a serious crash. The repairs are reported to have cost around 80,000 Euros! You can see a photo report of the car at:

<http://www.v8register.net/subpages/v8idle moments1.htm#patrolcar>



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All in all fifteen V8 crews showed up with four-RV8s, five MGBGTV8s and six MGBV8 Conversions.

RV8

John and Janis Brown (GB)
Derek and Anne Matthews (GB)
Roeland and Willemijn Strassen (NL)
Victor and Evelyne Rodrigues (CH)

MGBGTV8

Karl and Sylvia Köck (D)
Grundholf Speicher (D)
José and Ana Fonseca (P)
Tony and Sylvia Lake (GB)
Morgens Beck and Jytte Beck Pedersen (DK)

MGBV8 Conversion

Klaus and Mona Asmussen (DK)
Vermund and Grethe Krog (DK)
Jörg and Lotte Rasmussen (DK)
Jean and Claudine Crete (F)
Ron and Ingrid Zeh (L)
Christopher and Mary Backlund (GBG)

Photos: Victor Rodrigues, taken just before departure for the 140km Corinaldo tour.

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V8 lineup at Gabicce Mare EEOY 2010. (Photo: John Brown)