

24 heures du Mans report from Bob Grieves



Bob Grieves made his usual trip to the 24 heures du Mans this year and stayed with friends in le Mans, near to the centre of town. Bob's MGBGT V8 (Black 2788) was very spoiled, parked in what looked to be part of the kitchen!

Bob reports meeting up with a French V8 enthusiast - we visited the St Saturnin "Welcome British Classic Car Show". This, as you probably know, is held on the Friday before the 24 hour race and is the starting point for the cars taking part in the "Grand Parade des Pilote". At the show was an MGBGT V8 (BRG 0914), formerly finished in Blaze, which is now owned by Frenchman Lionel Rohm who live in Chemire le Gaudin 72210, which is SW of le Mans. He saw the car in the UK in 1990 and when the previous owner Christopher Rogers died in 2008, his widow contacted Lionel who came over to Oxford and purchased the car. It is still in very good condition. The show at St Saturnin always has a theme, this year it was the 50th anniversary of the Corvette racing at Le Mans. This was probably one of the best car shows I've been to, so many different cars from France and the UK.



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Car Number plate (left) and Body Number (right)