

## V8 Marquee at MGLive!



On Sunday **over 110 MGV8s parked up** on the grass alongside the V8 Marquee including many RV8s, MGBGTV8s and some V8 Roadsters including Mike Taylor's V8 Roadster (below) in White Gold built for him by Halls in Lincolnshire.



**On Saturday** the grass was waterlogged so the Circuit Managers declared the grass parking areas off-limits and then MGV8s were directed to park on various tarmac areas around the central area of the Circuit. Fortunately **on Sunday** it was drier and the grass parking area was available.



**Chris Yates** performed the role of temporary chairman of the meeting when the election of officers and members of the V8 Committee was reached on the V8 AGM agenda. It's a longstanding tradition that the whole of the eight person V8 Committee stands down at each V8 AGM and elections are held for all posts based on nominations received by the V8 Secretary. So as the existing V8 Chairman stands down a temporary chairman is proposed and elected by the members to conduct the election of each candidate for an office or committee post.

The **result of the elections** was: V8 Chairman (Victor Smith), V8 Secretary (Debbie Brading), V8 Treasurer (Bob Owen) and V8 Committee members Howard Gosling, Nic Houslip, Ian Quarrington, Steve Newton and Clive Wheatley

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**Bob Owen** presented the V8 Treasurer's report with **Debbie Brading** taking the minutes in her role of V8 Secretary.



**Liz Allsworth** (Club Office membership secretary) received the **Geoff Allen Cup** for her extraordinary support and efforts to work with the V8 Register in recruiting new members. The "cup" was in fact a beautiful metal picture frame as we felt a lady would prefer that to the usual pewter tankard! Jean Allen was present.



**Victor Rodrigues** receives the **Ian Lloyd Cup** for his good work in representing the V8 Register in Switzerland and his active role there.

Below: **Ian Quarrington** receives the **Chris Dodds Award** for his hard work and service on the Club's Executive Committee and now as the Club's Vice Chairman.





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**David Knowles** was thanked for signing 90 copies of his new book, MG V8, so the Online V8 Shop on the V8 website could offer fellow members a special copy of his new book. The book has sold well on the V8 website so now all the books have gone but the signed copies did at least give the Online V8 Shop something to sell which the leading cut price online retailers were not able to offer at the time. The modest surplus generated by the sale of those books covered the cost of hiring the V8 Marquee at MGLive! 2013 as a refuge and meeting place for fellow V8 members.

More photos from fellow members to follow.

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Parking arrangements and the weather

Clearly the Club cannot control the weather but there is a feature of the geology at Silverstone which plays a serious part in the layout of the parking for MGLive" because underneath the grassed areas is a layer of clay. This means if there is rain, even moderate rainfall, the grassed areas can very easily become waterlogged. With the F1 GP only a matter of weeks away the Circuit managers have to ensure there is no significant damage to the grassed areas from cars driving on and off to park up because that charismatic head of the F1 GP roadshow has an assertive management style which demands pristine facilities, not least grassed areas. So the net effect is the Circuit managers will declare the grass parking areas available for parking in "dry" conditions off limits if the grass is waterlogged when they will declare the "wet" layout will apply. Whilst the "dry" layout enables cars to park up conveniently alongside the V8 Marquee once we have a "wet" layout cars are directed to park up all over the tarmac areas inside the central area of the Circuit and elsewhere. Full details of the "wet" and "dry" parking arrangements were posted on the V8 website so fellow V8 members had full information and by printing off a copy in advance would know exactly where to park in both conditions.

<http://www.v8register.net/sub/news130606MGLive2013layouts.htm>

The tradition of our having a V8 Marquee goes back many years and is a very popular feature with fellow V8 members as it provides a meeting place where members can mingle and chat and the tables and chairs it is a place where they can be comfortable having tea or coffee and have snacks or lunch. It's also a welcome refuge for V8 members from the wind and rain that can blast across the old airfield plateau and this year was an example when that feature applied. I heard many members say how pleased they were to be able to get out of the wind and be able to spend time talking with fellow members and enjoying the free tea and coffee - and cakes - we provided this year.