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MGV8-50 Anniversary Weekend

In the middle of August, the V8 Register had a weekend of celebrations to mark several notable anniversaries. First, we had the 50th anniversary of the launch of the MGBGTV8 model in August 1973. The V8 Register was launched five years later in October 1978, so we are also celebrating our 45th anniversary. Last but by no means least we have the 30th anniversary of the start of RV8



production and sales in 1993.

Our first event was a display of MGBGTV8s and RV8s on the Market Square in Abingdon early on the morning of Saturday 19th August. Around 42 MGBGTV8s (including a couple of conversions) and 11 RV8s were parked and attracted considerable interest from local people passing by. Many commented they were pleased to see an MG display in Abingdon as a reminder of the connection with MG Factory until its sad closure in 1981.



Following this display, a buffet lunch was held at The Dog House pub at Frilford Heath. This well-known pub, to the west of Abingdon, is on the old test route used by the MG Factory for checking and road testing MGBGTV8s when they came off the production line or out of rectifications department. This event was fully booked and extremely well received by all, after a hard morning of car-showing.

The following day, Sunday 20th August, saw our major MGV8-50 Anniversary event at the British Motor



Museum at Gaydon, which attracted over 150 MGBGTV8s and RV8s. The focus of the event was in two dedicated meeting rooms inside the Museum with light refreshments on arrival and Club and trader stands. In an adjoining room were presentations on a range of interesting MGV8 topics.

With good weather the weekend was thoroughly enjoyable. Thanks to Julian Holmes for arranging a superb weekend of events, ably assisted by Victor Smith, Peter Ellis, Marion and Ian Quarrington and many other volunteers. Further information, presentation slides and photo reports can be found on our 'More' webpage. Correction:

The Stahlbus oil drain valve part number should be a G 1/2" = R 1/2" = 1/2" BSP valve and not the 1/2"-20 UNF item noted in the April 2023 issue of Safety Fast! Apologies for any confusion. Again, further information is available on the 'More' webpage at www.v8register.net/more.htm

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