



Special Guest Speaker MG100 – Andy Kitson

Former Head of Chassis Development at MG Rover & SAIC UK

Right from the beginning, the one thing which has set MGs apart from their contemporaries is their excellent road manners and road holding – while modest in power output they could always be depended on to be nimble and well behaved on the road and in cornering.

This didn't happen by accident, it was down to the skills and efforts of MG's great chassis/suspension engineering design teams over the last 100 years.

Andy Kitson was a key engineer in this field for MG for over 30 years, joining the company in 1984 and going on to lead the chassis development team, which was responsible for optimising the performance of chassis dynamics, suspension and steering. This team's work resulted in widespread accolades for the MGF's handling when it was released, and to maintain these qualities as it evolved into the TF. His team also refined and tuned the suspension of the MG Z-saloons of the period, transforming them from their run-of-the-mill Rover siblings to levels that were true to their MG Heritage.

Following MG Rover's demise in 2005, it wasn't long before the new owners realised they needed Andy's expertise and brought him on board to continue the development work on most models produced since.

As well as MG being part of his job, Andy, together with his wife Julie, are MG enthusiasts themselves, owning several MGs between them including a supercharged MGTf race car, Julie's tweaked TF and a supercharged ZT-T 260.

It is easy to forget those dark days that followed the closure of the Abingdon factory in 1980, and the very real prospect that MG as a marque was consigned to the history books. Without the efforts of in-house enthusiasts like Andy and similarly-minded colleagues it may well have stayed that way.

This is a once in a lifetime chance to hear from a fellow MG enthusiast who was instrumental in the marque's development in recent years in the best tradition of his predecessors. If you haven't already done so, make sure you are there by registering for MG100 now!

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