



AUSTIN 8 80TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT
WORCESTERSHIRE JUNE 2019

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START OF MEETING SATURDAY 22 JUNE WORCESTERSHIRE

On the first day of the Austin 8, 80th anniversary event, there was a lot organized. A line up of Austin Eights, in Worcesetrshire, with an attempt to be mentioned in the Guinness Book of World Records for the ever largest parade of Austin Eights. A total of 19 Austin Eights were present.

A remake image of the introduction of the Joy-01 pedal car and the production of the 1.000.000th Austin was made. Not an Austin 8, but an Austin 16, which was brought specially for the occasion. There were no Austin Eights on the original image, but we made the remake image using our Austin Eights. See images above.

After lunch we drove to Longbridge to visit the remains of the Austin manufacturing plant. We celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Austin 8 Register at the same time. Ian Pinniger the founder of the Austin 8 Register and Hermann Egges who took over from Ian in 2012, were present. See image bottom right with Hermann on the left and Ian on the right.





AUSTIN EIGHT TOURER "DOT" MEETS "JOY-01" PEDAL CAR

1939 Austin 8AP Tourer "DOT" meets 1946 "JOY-01", the Austin 8 based prototype pedal car during the 2019 Austin 8, 80th anniversary event in Worcestershire. How great this is! Look at the shapes and how big this pedal car actually is. DOT was pleased to meet her baby sister after 70+ years. We tried to get the pedal car running, but were not able to find a muscled enough child to pedal the car over the field.





A JOYFULL REUNION AT LONGBRIDGE

The Austin 8 Pedal car "Joy-01" was reunited with its first lady driver at Longbridge during the Austin 8, 80th anniversary event in June 2019.

Marcia Blake sat in the pedal car in 1946, as an 8 years old, for promotional purposes. Her father was one of the Austin production engineers and also one of the engineers responsible for the design of the Austin 8 pedal car, later manufactured as the well-known J-40 pedal car. Marcia was now reunited with it and now sat in DOT, the Austin 8 tourer register car, which was a better fit for her at the age of 81.

A remake of the original 1946 image was made, now with Georgie, the granddaughter of main organizer of the 80th anniversary event Robin Wilson. She took place in the Austin 8 Joy-01 pedal car, which was just a great moment of Joy.

We had photographer John Lakey with us to make the photo shoots. He owns the copyrights of the images made, but he allowed us to share them with you.

Joy-01 was allowed for a weekend out of the Gaydon British Motor Museum, where it is displayed since it was rescued from an antique dealer. Thank you very much for having the opportunity to have Joy-01 available during our Austin 8, 80th anniversary event. It must have been enjoyable for Joy-01 to meet her big brothers and sisters Austin Eights during the event.





EVENT END CEREMONY, CUTTING THE BIRTHDAY CAKE

Sunday 23 June 2019, after a line up of Austin Eights at the Avoncroft Museum in Droitwich, we had the official closure ceremony during the Austin 8, 80th anniversary event 2019. Birthday cake for 80 years old Austin Eights Lizzy and Dot and all their brothers and sisters. Robin Wilson, Marcia Blake and Hermann Egges are cutting the birthday cake. What a great event we had. Dot did not only meet Joy-01 but also a J40 pedal car, see the image below. Thanks for all who made this event possible, under which the Austin Counties Car Club, Austin Eight Register, and The Gaydon National Motor Museum and of course for all joining us during the event from all over the globe.



LINE UP OF AUSTIN EIGHTS IN LONGBRIDGE

The Austin Eight Register celebrated 8 decades of Austin 8 on 22-23 June 2019. Austin 8 owners Robin Wilson, a retired Longbridge development engineer, and Hermann Egges, the Chairman of the Austin 8 Register, put together a weekend of celebrations for the largely forgotten model. This included a spare parts sale, museum visits and a road run to its spiritual home at the Longbridge factory. A total of 18 Austin Eights, and owners, made it to the event from as far afield as Australia, Mexico, Portugal, Germany, The Netherlands, Scotland and UK, with 17 Austin Eights and Joy-01, the Austin 8 pedal car, posing outside the Longbridge Exhibition Hall, now the MG Sales Centre.



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