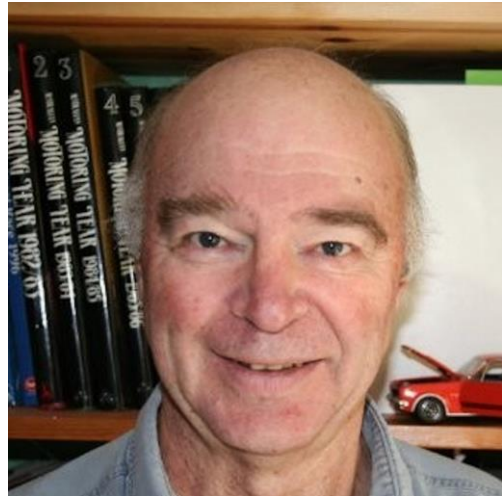


June Monthly Meeting guest speaker – Gavin Farmer

I have arranged a guest speaker for our Monthly General Meeting on June 11th – motoring writer, author and photographer Gavin Farmer.

Gavin started his career as a primary school teacher before going into the car industry initially at Chrysler and then spending the 70s in retail and wholesale sales. He describes it as a great learning experience. After successful careers in other fields including managing a company marketing computerized dispensary systems to the pharmacists of South Australia he re-entered the motor industry as the national Media Relations Manager for Mitsubishi Motors.



He later developed a freelance writing career, travelling to England in early January 2003 with the intention of staying for one year but ended up staying for almost four. During that time he wrote largely for US magazines like Automobile Quarterly and Collectible Automobile plus various UK and German magazines. And it was while in England that I began to get serious about writing books, which he is concentrating on to this day.

His involvement with MG Rover was in 2004-2005 plus a little later when carrying out some research on the Morgan Aero 8. **2004-05 was, of course, a tumultuous time for the marque and Gavin has some first-hand insights into what was going on. He has also met David Watson, who held various roles with the group including marketing and communications general manager, as well as being heavily involved in motorsport; and engineers involved in developing and manufacturing the X80 which was planned as a challenge to Porsche.**

I know that Gavin has some fascinating insights and anecdotes to relate and I trust we can all give him a warm welcome.

Stephen Marlow.