

October 2012 Tech Day (by Mike Gleaves)

On a clear, blue-skied sunny autumn day, the 20th October; thirty roofless MX5s descended upon Collins Car Care at Probus, near Truro. The event was a so called 'Tech Day'; where club members are free to come along, check their cars out underneath and discuss problems with resident experts.

Our hosts, Collins Car Care, have a long history with both MX5s and the club; in fact the late Roger Collins was one of the original five



founding members of the Cornwall area MX5 Owners' Club. Today, the garage is run by knowledgeable brothers Neil and Gary. What these enthusiastic young men do not know about our beloved cars can be written on the discarded toe nail clipping of a small gnat. They are also kind enough to offer a ten per cent discount on all works done on members' cars at

their workshop.

On this day, many things were discussed, the number one issue being rust. What did seem strange was that the original Mark 1 seems to be much more resistant to the orange fungus than the Mark 2. One can only assume that the first bodywork designer got into a squabble over fresh sushi, lost and fell on his sword. Others were surprised to learn that, despite the devious layout of the rear exhaust, the Mk3 only has four cylinders.



When lunchtime came around, the highly cooperative Roger Fortescue made several runs to the local fish and chip shop. Of course, normally it would have been hot pasties but times are hard and we cannot afford the additional VAT.

This was an extremely useful day and gave members the opportunity to learn more about their cars than what they normally see when sat in the cockpit.

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