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Correction - Nuts and Bolts Article (September edition)

Unfortunately there were a few errors in the table as pointed out by Barrie Jones (TF Registrar). The corrected table is below. Also in the text ½ inch UNF bolt should read 5/16 inch UNF. Jim inadvertently quoted the AF spanner size.

Size	5/16 MG	5/16 BSF	5/16 BSW	8mm ISO F	8mm ISOC C	5/16 UNF	5/16 UNC
Diameter (inches)	0.3150	0.3125	0.3125	0.3150	0.3150	0.3125	0.3125
Diameter (mm)	8	7.9375	7.9375	8	8	7.9375	7.9375
Threads per Inch (TPI)	25.4	22	18	25	20.3	24	18

VA Running Rough!

The (184) members on our Facebook group may have read of the woes relating to the rough running on my VA Tourer. I had been trying to fettle it on and off for several weeks. It would start and idle but would not rev properly, although sometimes it would seem fine but it would return on a test drive. All sparkplugs were black, which seemed more likely to be carburation. I had dismantled the carbs, cleaned and checked them, tested the spark at all plugs, did a compression test, blown out the fuel lines, cleaned all filters, etc. All I had done during the winter lay-up was to put in new plugs and make up new HT leads with new caps using the same copper-core cable I've always used. I had also fixed my fuel sender and inspected the tank and in-tank filter. I put back the old plugs and HT cables and it was the same. I had been running with electronic ignition for some nine years with no issues. I replaced the coil that was matched to the E.I. with a new standard Lucas one and this made it worse, but then putting back the old points solved the problem. This happened when in the garage, unused, so it remains a bit of a mystery. There is some evidence to suggest that using graphite core cable (coil to dizzy) helps and I'll look into this further. Always carry your old points ready to replace as I've since heard of other such E.I. failures!

I was relieved to have the VA back on the road two days before a long-planned photoshoot at Amberley Castle (see photo). More on this next month.

