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In the April edition, I published details of VA2377, first owned by The Countess of Cardigan. I was subsequently contacted by Ray and Barbara Moses who bought the VA in the early 1960s as their first car for the sum of £35. They imparted lots of interesting history and I was able to put them in touch with the current owner, Steve and Susan Blake in Canada. Together they have pieced together the list of owners and I'm sure both parties have enjoyed sharing what they know.

In mid-June I was contacted by David Gregory (SA Saloon 2570) who had displayed his SA (together with his YA) in the timeline at Silverstone MG100. David takes up the story: "I had a great time at the Silverstone 100 celebrations where the car is pictured on time line duty. The very likeable young chap stood next to my SA was no other than Joe McGavin, Cecil Kimber's great-grandson. We had quite a long chat - he was impressed with the SA and sat in it to check out the controls, dashboard and trim. I was then invited to look at the family photo albums he had brought to the Vintage Register tent. Wow, what a privilege!!! Many pictures of the early days of M.G. and the vehicles his great-grandfather had owned and raced, together with family holidays, etc. A really priceless collection that does need properly conserving; many photos were becoming detached from their write-ups. The SA threw coolant all over the runway on arrival Saturday and I was worried the water pump bearing that I had made from nylon (should be carbon) 10 years before had given up. On the Sunday I took a 25 litre drum of water to be sure to have enough for the journey home, but only needed two jugs full to top up on leaving Silverstone. I think the latent heat in the engine had caused the car to boil up once I switched off. I will forgive it... it really was a hot day". Joe's grandmother was Jean Kimber-Cook, Cecil Kimber's daughter, who died in 2013.



Watch out for a full report next month on the SVW Event that took place in Yorkshire in July.