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Register report January 2021

Arthur's Annual Street Party

7 January 2021

Annually this is an important and exciting event in our calendar year for the Register and this year as numbers were limited to 50, it began filling fast once I had issued the invitation out through the block email mail out. Yes we did enjoy full house with some overflow that was a little concerning because the advice on the invitation notice was not read or understood by some. Please note for subsequent events.

Yes it was a street party by appearances, some suggested that Arthur relocate to a longer street in West Lakes, such was the number of cars parked on both sides of the road and in driveways. Doc Whyatt suggested that we open the gates to the Grange Golf Club at the end of the cul de sac and park on the fairways, really!

The record is broken.

Attendees, members partners, wives and friends totalled 50+, the total number I cannot divulge as the Covid Police may arrest the owner and confiscate his newly painted red car. Register cars totalled 30 after excessive counting and arguing on the exact number present, 12 TC's, 8 TD's, & TF's, 1 Y Saloon, 2 Prewar K & ND. which totals 30 and confirmed in the Register Book. A Register record I say!

Thankyou. Arthur, for providing another stunning event on the cardboard covered driveway that has become so part of your register night each January summer. I know that you were having second thoughts but your catering advisor Ian Buckley certainly saved the day giving you the confidence to launch into it with gusto. We all appreciated the subs from Subway, nibbles and beverages and the smooth execution and distribution to the Register mob. Well done cock!

Birthdays. Chris Bennetts, 70 did not get the recognition he deserved as Heather could not get her hand up in time for it to be acknowledged, congratulations Chris you can buy a round next time.

Ian Malcolm Curwen-Walker turns 90 on Friday 8 January and shares his day with Elvis Presley who would have been 85 if he had "stayed in the building".

Congratulations Curly, an amazing achievement in life suitably acknowledged by your friends in the MG Car Club and many others. Bob Bazzica and Anthony Pearson spoke about his life with the club and achievements with an outstanding career in electronic engineering and the many girl friends that many of us never heard about. Interesting fact that he never joined the MG Car Club SA, he started it!

Showtime. Well not really but Goldy did his famous "show n tell" routine by handing around a small geometric device made of steel for the intelligent members to guess

the origin and application that the device would be used for. The successful genius was AC Pearson.com who correctly identified the object as a measuring device for the scribing of centres and circles on steel bars. God knows where Goldy gets these things hardly riveting and the attention span of the mob is somewhat diminished, but we appreciate your efforts Brian.

Convid marshall. Self appointed dude Thane Martin was kind enough to fix the Convid sign in notification on the carport pillar for us to scan on arriving. Fooled a few especially the very diligent Dean Hosking who made a special effort to get his smart phone into action. Never mind Dean, Thane can wait, just ask him about the five sped box on the TC and the bits that fall off after the glue fails.

General Business matters. Another popular segment of the register meetings where all kinds of items are put forward , namely Ian Buckley advising that the Glen Ewin Renactment Day is on again in 2021 and is a good event, Shelly Bazzica promoted the National Prewar Register meet in Canberra, October which will be combined with T Type MG's, Mike Greenwood and others commented on the British at The Bend day, 14 February 2021.

Neville Daniel, a welcome past register secretary reported on his progress with the Buchanan sports car that he is rebuilding and looking for an electrician to install the wiring loom. Good to see you back Nev, will be worth visiting to see the car.

Russell Garth is developing a register Facebook page for members only, good work in progress at this stage apparently the site has been slightly hacked by inquisitive interlopers , but Russ has regained control we hear and it will be secure.

Mike Greenwood introduced his guest Brian Campbell who purchase the Drophead SA from Don Walker and is making great progress with the restoration especially the body work. It will be exciting to see this vehicle finished and hopefully in our car club as another Prewar saloon. Thanks Brian, it was great to hear about your project.

Ray Finch (Finchy) brought Wayne Spencer as a guest from the UK. Wayne has a TC in storage here in Adelaide and it is really good to see him back again.

Irving Cup. Last meeting I reported that it has been handed back and will not be awarded this year however I am not aware of the date that it was first presented to us by R D Irving Esq (Bob) but I do know that Bob Schapel won it in 1988 & 1989 on both occasions and guess who came second ? Club stalwart and loyal member **Stan Shepherd** no less losing by 4 points both times. Amazing what you find in old club magazines , its great history, I know Bob has won the Irving Cup many other times maybe Stan was the bridesmaid also on other occasions, he will know.

Meetings 2021

The Club has suggested we have a Friday night BBQ meeting at the clubrooms in the year, we will do this and possibly have a Sunday morning Coffee n cars at Blackwood.

We are looking at Richmonds in February, John & Sue Davies at Hallett Cove in March.

Safe driving folks, thanks for your support and hopefully many meetings in 2021.

Regards, John Bray BOTR21