

15 March 2021

Prewar & T Type Register meeting at Hallett Cove .

As the sun sets in the west .

4 march 2021

Always a great pleasure to be hosted by John & Sue Davies at Tigress Ave Hallett Cove at the onset of autumn facing into the setting sun over the cove. Thanks so much for another enjoyable night in the immaculate garage with sexy dim lights.

Apologies with reasonable excuses totalled 15, which was unusual for the register on such a fine night, however for those who enjoy seeing their name in print they are as follows: Ken Fisher, Lachy Kinnear, Gordon Brice , Dave Bates, Forthy, David Kemp, Geoff & Judy Glasson, The Ghost Who Walks, Garry Chapman, Peter & Diane Lancaster, David Liebrandt, Trevor Driver, Hugh Willnot-Griffarts, John Tamke , Beryl & Steve Thorpe.

One of our number who shall henceforth be known as “Headache Hugh” offered a very lame excuse , however I will not go into it, suffice to say it’s not the first time that a similar utterance has been put forward, his choice mind you.

Attendance : Good numbers were up just below the Convid 19 Plimsoll line, so the ship was not overloaded at 49 official attendees, totalling 24 Register vehicles.

Vale: Michael Stephen Lyons 17.05.1948- 17.02.2021 One of the great characters of the Prewar & T Register, sadly gone after a long illness and passed away at home.

His favourite model MG was the Y Type Saloon which he had for a number of years forming a great friendship with fellow Y devotee Graham Loader. Mike attended MG CC National meetings around Australia and was an avid traveller. A small number of us attended his funeral where we heard, as you always do, aspects of his working life.

We will miss this bloke with his comical outspoken comments at our meetings for sure.

Wayne Spencer, long time owner of a MG TC , recently back home from the UK to stay, passed away unexpectantly. A great friend of Ray Finch who brought him to the meetings when here will be missed not only by Ray but others in the Register who spent time with him at the Goodwood Revival in the UK. Wayne had a history in Formula One racing and was extremely knowledgeable in matters pertaining to motor sport. I only met him twice over the years and he was looking forward to getting the TC out of storage here in Adelaide. His funeral at Lobethal was attended by members of our Register.

Show n tell: Unfortunately it appears as I have let this get out of hand, Goldy has been at his grandfather’s shed and pulled more than one article from the trunk. Once around the room is good enough fella !

Peter Cundy produced a prewar preselector gearbox tunnel and gearstick out of an Armstrong Siddley he says, despite the MG insignia in the casting. This was of great interest to the Prewar boys , especially Artfur of The ND.

Peter is competing at Winton Historics again this year, looking for a pit crew ,22-23 May 21 in the NA. Thinking of a little camping out in chilly Benalla, then this is for you maybe, but the motels are cosy in the town.

The Wiper Blades. Arthur 'Daley' Rummerger had a deal for members which was dubious maybe but we need to give him the benefit of the doubt in the transaction offered. His mate Jones Auto on the Port Road wants to off load T Type wiper blades that required gentle trimming to fit the width. Apparently Jones had to purchase a job lot of 300 to secure the product, Arthur is willing to move them on for his "mate" it seems at a reasonable price plus GST. Price negotiable.

Magazine cover: Great to see Terry Wright along to the meeting after his very serious neuro surgery that has affected his eyesight. His magnificent photography from the night at Richmonds is reflected on the magazine cover last month. Terry, we do hope that you will recover after your treatment to return to your cherished hobby in motor sport photography soon.

As a result of the magnificent photograph of the Thane Martin TC making it to the front cover, free beverage can be enjoyed free anytime you call into The Walk , Coromandel Valley from its owner I am reliably informed.

More news: Mike Greenwood is keen to see more of us on club lunch runs especially at Strathalbyn and the south coast museums. Ken Burke reminded us about the club's AGM coming up and the need to book a seat. Roland Harris was reunited with his prized floral umbrella left in Joy Pearson's care from Richmonds, nice look Roland.

New cars: A senior member of our group , just turned 80, club committee member, is said to have ordered on line a new fully electric Tesla, apparently now tired of filling up on Belair Road Torrens Park , just saying not mentioning names at this stage.

A newly restored Cooper S is underway and will be garaged near The Walk Coromandel Valley sometime soon, it will be an opportunity to enjoy that free beverage that I mentioned above but keep your head down. Good British Car what !

Emails : I have had mixed success with the block emails, sorry about the title "snipping tool" on the heading, Roland Harris was quick to respond suggesting it referred to a kind of a nasty medical device, however if I have missed you or you have changed address as John Tamke does often, please let me know. Apologies to Simon Ewart he was missed somehow.

Next meeting to be advised, I will let you know through the email messaging.

May we go to the garage of the Vicar, Peter Cundy NA & Bar.

Cheers, BOTR-21 John Bray