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Prewar & T Register Report

The warehouse of wonderful cars.

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Like kids into Willy Wonka's factory the members were treated to the delicious sights of exotic cars , wrapped but not chocolate, although enticing to say the least.

This is not to suggest that Peter Cundy is an eccentric like Willy Wonka, but his garage type warehouse is a fantastic world, albeit that Peter's corner houses his three mighty MG's and provides the ambience of the past against the might of the moderns.

Thankyou Peter for hosting us so adequately at Stepney on a fine night that saw 20 register vehicles aligned in style within the confines of your premises.

I had plenty of acceptances for the meeting and scarcely exceeded the Convid quota of 50.

The Alma. Just a few steps to the right, what a way to kick start the night. Several including the editor Laurie managed a meal and a few frothies before the meeting at the Alma Hotel. You only have to give Mozza, Buckley, Martin & Rummerger an opportunity and away they go, no thought for the Vicar sweating away in the garage for the meeting.

Apologies. Just a few to mention and for once Forthy was not one of them. For those who like to scrutinise my reports, McLean's (holidays), D Liebrandt, G Loader, Bronwyn Micklem, Roland Harris (minor surgery). Apologies if I have missed you somehow.

Faces in the crowd. How refreshing to see Bev Driver along to her first Register meeting with the plumber ,husband Trevor. I just get the feeling that she was checking out the warehouse accommodation in preparation for their own register meeting in their own warehouse which I understand has crowded out Trev's MG's somewhat with the move from Belair. Trevor you need to take a leaf out of the Vicar's book and remove the unwanted bits.

Gordon Brice has returned to us after an extended stint of volunteering in the hills mending fences after the bushfires, a wonderful thing to do, Geoff Glasson is excited to see Gordon back, says his shed at Mt Torrens is full of interesting things needing to be seen.

David Kemp, good to see again, Goldy from Murray Bridge present but sparing us the show n tell mystery bits from his papa's garage. Hughy "headache" Griffiths all good , has made it two in a row. Terry Wright looks a lot better especially with the big lens hanging off his neck like a professional , well actually he is Camms accredited which is good for us. Hey, Adrian Ward, past president turned up, good to see him again.

The NA legend. How lucky are we to have the Vicar and his timeless machine in our fold which is a source of constant wonderment and inspiration, the envy of many. The new exhaust system , extractors and fish tail tail pipe is an excellent appendage in original racing style. Made up by a fellow at Victor Harbor, Peter is justly satisfied with the result, stunning!

Cannot be long before the supercharger is commissioned on the front and ceases to be ornamental. Ray Finch's work on the engine side panels is another piece of excellent work.

The Hicks racing TC , # 23 Red Another splendid machine, blower , extractors and full racing trim. If you play the casino roulette, 23 red is a good bet. I know that Lindsay and

Alex were looking for the opportunity to trailer the car to a register meeting and not only let us see it but to hear it as well.

Not to be out done, the NA fired up to show off the new exhaust system as well, duelling banjos, not really, duelling MG racers for sure.

General business. I have got to say that I let the meeting run on a bit longer than I thought due to the fact that I had to repeat the pizza order about six times to the St Peters Dominos , however much conversation ensued and we all appeared a bit stuffed by the time business was called on. Bob Schapel reported that Don Carbone has many TF parts to sell. Russ Gath reported on a MG SA for sale , \$52K he says, Don Walker showed no interest after quitting the one he had. ACPearson.com advised that Ken Pace has his red TC, originally from India, the one rescued from a rubbish tip in Calcutta, is for sale.

Act of kindness turns to gold. Artfur reported on his and Buckley's generosity in the Tc's. The club asked for a chauffeured drive for 90 year old Ron Paton in a TC to celebrate his pending birthday. Would you believe that when little Arty started work at O'Connors in 1955, Ron Paton was a tradesman with a red TC and it turns out that Ron's wife was the daughter of the man who owned the very original TC that Martin Barratt has purchased. This I believe is the Wibley TC that was used as a study of originality by many and has very low mileage to this day. Anyway the boys drove the old boy to Strathalbyn and back to Hahndorf where they were feted at the Haus in the main street, fed watered and sent on their way with an abundance of Beerenberg products (gold) as gifts of gratitude. Must be a few 90 year olds around that we can solicit for thrill seeking rides in comfy TC's, Thane Martin is ringing the nursing homes now.

The Clipper Ship visit. Following the meeting at Dock 2 , Shed 13 , City of Adelaide Clipper Ship in April, the Pearson's undertook a daylight tour of the ship and were very impressed as Anthony said to the meeting. Ulterior motive probably on his part looking for signs of ancestry down in the hold, sad to say it was not a prison ship after all. Back to my little mate Artfur, his old boss Creah O'Connor (1955) is the current chairman of the COA Clipper Ship Board. Maybe a free tour and some scones is in order mate, I will put in a good word.

Kevin Mills YT. We received an email from Kevin who has had indifferent health and not attended register meetings. I know he misses us and he is hopeful of continuing the restoration work and bobbing up at a meeting again. He sent photos of the rear of the car and it looks quite stunning in red paintwork. I know that a considerable amount of work was done on the body and more is to be done up front. Good luck with it Kevin, yes we miss you too.

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For prewar, triple M & T Types , gaining momentum, several going over driving in convoy. I can email out more information soon. Route there and back has been established, principally bakery stops and caravan/motel stops along the way. Thane Martin is tour director route planner. Buckley & Mozza food and wine scrutineers. The NA is going over as well.

That is about all folks, it was a great fun night as usual even the Bazzica's enjoyed it, a flat run for Bob who hates anything that has an incline of slight undulations outside the CBD.

Next meeting has not been determined but you will probably know by the time the magazine is out in the newsagents.

Safety farts, John Bray , Boss of the Register 21