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Pre-war & T Type Register report for August

The Register in Lockdown

Lockdown, yes as much as Premier Marshall, Commissioner Grant and Professor Nicola are doing a good job for SA , it has driven the register moles down into their burrows or sheds not to be seen around and about and that includes me somewhat.

Mind you some have been active and a little synopsis follows on the antics of the few.

Not much my end, sorry it has not been practical to organise a register meeting due to the impracticalities of the Covid-19 restrictions, the weather and dark nights early making driving conditions difficult unless of course you have the AC Pearson.com LED globes in your T Type.

Geoff Glasson. Buzzing around like a headless chook hoping that someone has a TD door pillar in the attic, plenty advice from messers Mozza and Bazzica, make your own they say.

Andrew Willington. Wiling away in his garage on the TF restoration contract, happy to be away from the riff raff , enjoying his new overhead LED bench light that not only illuminates the bench top but illuminates the lovely pictures that you will find in any man's garage.

Russell Garth. Gravitating into the garage to talk to the TF now that the sore back is allowing the curvature of his spine to straighten, like the Badger in Wind in the Willows he is out sniffing around looking to reshuffle projects now that hibernation is over.

Ian TC Hobbs. Restless and ever anxious to be out on the road in the TC onto a Register despite the weather. Certainly gives the emails a thrashing, the most inquisitive bloke in the register by far, you could say desperate, but a true believer.

Ian Curwen-Walker "Curly". At the age of 90, he has had his first pacemaker fitted in the new RAH and has responded pretty well really. Despite his condition he is full of wit when it comes to conversing with the nursing staff, cheeky to say the least, however he will not remember which is the sad part. Currently convalescing in respite care in Bellevue Heights getting plenty of attention which he needs.

Steve Grist. A new member from Mt Compass, has a 1950 TD that he sourced from NSW, is keen to front his first Register meeting as soon as we can see the restrictions lifted. I told him that TD McNabb will be a willing conversationalist when he gets a chance.

John Henderson. Now here is a man with some interesting French cars and a TC that is going to get a "From The Frame Up " restoration he says. Another who is keen to front a Register meeting sometime soon, welcome John lets hope we get a meeting soon.

Mike Greenwood. Now what is going on here with old Greeny? I get an email that says: " if you are having trouble with the emails, here is a new one " Well I am not having trouble but if you think that you are try this. alanmgreenwood@gmail.com

Geoff Mclean. Dropped off from the mail out listing from me, the Boss, maybe he was not the only one to miss the 8 July meeting that was rescheduled to Joy Pearson's Hawthorndene. If any others missed out similarly please let me know. Sorry Geoff & Anne.

Peter Cundy. Good old Vicar, regularly keeps the news coming on historic racing especially Winton reports that are most interesting. His sailing escapades have not surfaced in detail just

yet but rumour has it that the ship's surgeon did not find the experience that palatable after all. Advice circulating is that skilled medical entrepreneurs should stick to thrill seeking escapades on dry land thrashing around the track on four rubber tyred wheels.

Ian Buckley. I am reliably told that the inspector has been pulling the gearbox and motor in and out of the Vicar's NA , the seizure of the gearbox could be best described as a medical incident in Peter's words , however all is in good hands under the stewardship of Dr Bazzica I am told.

Bob Schapel. Ha, on matters historical, Bob's good friend Martin Barrett has started the K3 (prototype) after laying silent for 12 years, which on reliable reports enthralled the neighbours with loud noise, smoke and soot. Restoration is in progress in the most thorough and authentic manner Bob reports. More later, I will let Bob continue with this.

Don Walker. The "ghost who walks" has been silent lately nobody is saying what is going on in the garage at Goolwa Beach. Hibernation maybe or another project ? Whatever it is we will surely know soon, any goss, let me know.

Jeannette Walsingham-Meath has pulled off the event of the decade, the Captain Proud river cruise in September for the car club, Now fully booked and heading for a proper dress up show. Congratulations Jeanette must have been that first ever coloured flyer that you snuck into the magazine, looking forward to it and the river costumery.

Laurie Houghton. Well he has been beavering away making great strides with the car club magazine, how good it was to see firstly Jeanette's coloured flyer in last month's and now coloured advertisements and coloured head shots of our committee members behind the front cover. This is a dream come true for TD McNabb who has been advocating for this to appear.

TD McNabb. Has been squirreled away deep in emails , searching for the latest jokes to rival Reg O'Malley who likewise has been prolific on sending the same old stuff from McNabb. Talk about a circus, it is never ending , once it gets to Peter Auld it starts over again . For those who want to join this never ending stream please give me your name and you will get unending entertainment to your desktop.

Thane Martin. Not satisfied with the intensive rebuild of the Mini at The Walk, Coromandel Valley, had organised a run and lunch to Pt Elliot for a few bods to break the boredom. I understand that messers Buckley, Ewart, Pearson & Willow & Mozza undertook a pleasant journey topped off with lunch at Pt Elliot.

David McNaughton. Hopefully he has secured a low number plaque for the Kimber Run this year, acting on a tip off via Ken Bourke , David would have got wife Jenny onto the case to secure that elusive single digit number. David is a great delegator.

Canberra. The big MMM, Prewar, T Type palooza is off, kaput ! Fallen victim to Covid-19 in the ACT. A run to Mt Gambier to replace the event is being planned by the usual suspects headed up by the Mozz. I am reliably told that the winemaker from the SE, David Herbert is already securing bookings that will include accommodation and entertainment. Watch this space it will be a great event if you want to tag along. The five speeds will start a day later and probably catch up with the proper four speeds at Penola.

The wrap. Well that is about it for the register lockdown report , I will revisit the email group listing , look for a suitable venue for September, until then , keep sane.

John Bray, Boss of the Register.

