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PREWAR & T TYPE REGISTER report for May meeting on Thursday 5th

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Arthur Ruediger's Register at West lakes

The legend of King Artfur lives on !

I feel comfortable calling him a legend as he is truly one in our club especially in the register group with his fine collection of cars and sharp responsive wit.

His kind offer to host the register in May after missing out through the horrors of Covid for the January meeting propelled him to legend status in my eyes certainly as I felt like a journalist fronting Morrison on the election trail, I had nothing to report !

Arthur's planning and preparation was immaculate for us on the night, blue trailer tarps enclosed the rear verandah , cardboard sheets on the driveway, and a supper in what can be called old fashioned register cuisine. Mind you he had a fine brace of helpers in the Master Chef kitchen and I must thank his "girls" as he called them, Judy Glasson, Brownyn Micklem, Joy Pearson & Michelle Bazzica who did a great job when he called service!

Apologies: Why not start with the most apologetic member, Brian Forth. A regular front rower for this segment, apparently food was the excuse this time, he had a better offer I was told.

Headache Hugh is not far behind, apparently Mr Wilmott-Griffiths has no access to paracetamol nor Bex Powders, his treasured TD is up for sale at Strathalbyn which could be the cause of the affliction , however once sold the headache may disappear entirely.

Others on the list were David Kemp, Grant Carr, Graham Loader, Brian Golding, David Liebrandt, Robin Gibbs, Andrew Bate, Don Walker, Peter Shipline, Peter & Diane Lancaster, Garry Chapman, Terry Wright, Ray Finch, and Ian Sweetman.

Two late scratchings, Kenny Fisher and Peter Auld. Good old Ken, he has beaten lots of health issues last two years however the weather beat him this time. I suspect likewise with Peter Auld , electric cars are a risk in the wet maybe , rather disconcerting if the battery is sizzling under the heated seats.

Down to Business: While waiting for the arrival of the guest speaker, Russell Garth was thanked for running the April meeting in my absence but criticised for the abject efficiency closing off in record time to get everyone out by 9 pm. (Not his fault though)

Ken Burke reported on the website set up for the National MGCC meeting next year hosted by SA, go to www.MGCCnationalmeeting.com.au

Peter Auld in absentia appealed for Santa's little helpers in organising and assisting in events for the National Meeting of MG here in Adelaide 2023.

AC Pearson.com.au.cash is going to the UK in September on his annual light bulb hunt, and a generous offer was made to bring home any parts in his carry on luggage via the Emirates.

Don Walker's, (stage manager and lacky to Jeanette) report was read out after the success of the Winery tour and morning tea on Sunday 1 May at Mt Barker. Firstly the coffee & cake at Auchendarroch was excellent followed by the six course degustation at Howards Vineyard.

Just like at Arthurs on Thursday ,Cookie the chef came out and made self style introductions which was a surprise to all apparently, Arthur did the same, great food all round.

Hope to see the boys from the deep south next meeting, thanks Mr Walker(ghost who walks).

Chris Bennett is progressing after his fall and is now walking and talking while in rehabilitation, maybe about Christmas or New Year he may be back home we are told. Best wishes Chris.

Guest speaker: David McNabb needed no formal introduction but the meeting was on "go slow" mode waiting for him to address all of us on the National Meeting of MG held at Newcastle this Easter. He was the only member of the register to attend , not in the TD however but in the Chinese version of a SUV MG. It was an informative address but I will leave it there as I am sure there will be a National Meeting report elsewhere in the magazine.

David did say that Peter Cooke from the UK was there, our Tyson and Jason Edwards were trophy winners as was TD McNabb a medal winner for computer enhanced photography.

Faces in the crowd. Mike Greenwood up from Strathalbyn advised that Peter Kerr from Queensland and editor of the T Series Association magazine is quite ill and the magazine will most likely cease, sad really. Mike left the meeting with a can of degreaser as his raffle prize for which I had to apologise but he will put it to good use on his projects for sure.

Dean Hosking blew an oil hose on the Sunday outing to Mt Barker in his B Type, Arthur's cardboard would have been handy I am told by the amount of oil on the road.

Bob Schapel, legend of Schapelli Racing is returning to Winton again for a bit of modest Sunday driving in the regularity events in May. Peter Cundy however will be at full throttle in the NA , taking along his usual pit crew with copius supplies of red wine and deck chairs.

The McLeans will be away for 3 months travelling with their van in WA going up to Broome however Geoff will be in touch by email to us, sounds good to me.

Ian Curly Walker was looking good, must be the care and attention especially the food at the Resthaven Motel Bellevue Heights that is to his liking, going well at 91. Joy Pearson, her usual bright self certainly looks so good at 93, thankyou Anthony for bringing them down in the Y

Reg O'Malley sent to the meeting by Jaquie as is usual, certainly enjoyed the meeting as did Chris Kinney , similarly ushered out of the house by Annette. What can I say wives need space an a bit of free time, thank god for car clubs.

I told my wife that she should embrace her mistakes so, she hugged me !

Finally John Henderson spent a fair time discussing TC water pumps with a few gurus at the meeting, not sure that he received satisfactory advice however. Doc Whyatt was there is fine spirits as is usual and offering medical wisdom to a few non believers.

The wrap up. That's about it from me, 6 T Types attended the meeting (hoods up), 39 signed in the book, next meeting will be given out by email .

Cheers, best of British and all that.

John Bray BOTR