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Prewar & T Register report , August 2022

The T Register in recess

Following the influx of Covid 19 infections after the July meeting I decided not to hold a meeting this month in either a warm cosy garage or clubroom.

Thankyou for those who emailed in supporting the decision.

It was a real shame that Terry Jones who tested positive had to cancel his Aston Martin celebration day at Lobethal following the July meeting of our register at Blackwood.

Vale: More sad news to report, Members Jack Whiting (TC special) and Cairns Boag ex MGTC & MGA have both passed and although not seen since for a considerable time, there was contact with some of us.

Bob Schapel was able to report that Jack had attended one of Bill Schapel's register meetings. Jack's short chassis TC was rebuilt after a broken crankshaft in 2018. Bob believes that the chassis was a Tony Ohlmeyer famously engineered alteration for the TC Special.

Cairns Boag of Belair was an electrical engineer, known for his beautiful cars, the MGA and notably the green TC now owned by Ian Buckley. Cairns last Register meeting at Belair was on 6 October 2005 and I vividly remember the side wall bench and the plethora of battery charges lined up for the cars and other devices.

Cars moving on: Currently there are a number of cars on the market for various reasons, maybe owners cashing in for their superannuation or simply giving up on the renovations. This does not include Don Walker of course. he's a habitual buy seller.

People are still looking for cars, notably MG TC, I get numerous calls and enquiries.

The green Y Type at Hahndorf owned by Kevin Bouckley was on the market for \$19500 and I acknowledge Peter Lancaster who gave Kevin support and advice with the car.

Bob Schapel's 1934 SA saloon appeared briefly on British Classic Cars Buy Swap Sell, looking good and Bob proudly stated that it ran briefly after 38 years in cold storage in the Glenunga garage. Hope he does well it will be a great resto project.

Andrew Willington feeling sorry for me after the July meeting arranged a casual coffee club meeting where a number of us convened suitably spaced apart for coffee and obligatory cake at the Sheoak Café Belair. Hopefully a photo is published of the usual suspects who get together on occasions like this, thanks TD McNabb.

Prescott Speed Hill Climb: What, where grasshopper? Peter Cundy off to the UK for this event founded and run by the Bugatti Club established in 1938. No wonder Peter has gone there , anything to do with prewar racing is his bag. I know that this is

a Vintage Sports Car event on 24 September, Peter no doubt will have a lot to report when he gets back.

Yes , on getting back, the McLeans are home from the warm climate up north, Grant Carr back and gone again to Brisbane, Robin Gibbs like the McLeans must be back, John Henderson was heading to Cape York country, so we may not see him for a while yet.

Climb to the Eagle: The Sporting Car Club invitations are out for 4 November event leaving Victoria Park. A number of Register vehicles usually join the throng of exotic and interesting cars for the run. Register early if you intend going along with us.

Next meeting : Subject to finding a breezy garage or safe open building we will convene again, email will be sent out in good time for this.

Here endith the report for August, keep warm, hoods up and drink heaps of coffee.

Cheers, John Bray BOTR