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Pre-war and T Register report for 2 March 2023, Aldgate

At the home of Earthly Delights, Kaye and Leigh Richter

How lucky are we of the MG Car Club that we have wonderful people like Kaye and Leigh to host us at their magnificent home and garden at Aldgate for the register. Just a great big thankyou for availing us the privilege to wander through the garden and enjoy the company of all under the new extended carport which in AFL terms would be the "gather round" venue.

Vehicles of the MG variety totalled 23, 8/TC, 7/TD, 6/TF, Y/1, NA/1. 41 members signed in.

The Magnificent Man and his Flying Machine

What a sight it was to see the magnificent boat tailed 1925 Alvis barrelling down Hillside Drive driven by the man himself Nigel Steele-Scott, the Alvis substituting for his TD on the night.

Any pre-war car of note is welcome at our meetings, the Alvis is just so incredible for its age and engineering excellence. In Nigel's words, faster than a TC but stops like an overloaded goods train. Thankyou all for making him feel so welcome with his great Alvis and I hope you get to see David McNabb's photos here.

Pre-war chatter.

The Vicar Cundy never ceases to amaze us with the 34 NA development into another magnificent racing machine. Now sporting a new black roll bar ready for his assault at Phillip Island Race Track to compliment the supercharger with an output of 89 BHP at the rear wheels. Good luck at Winton with his support group of keen register members in tow.

Another talented member of our group, Ian Sweetman has expertly sign written the numerals of the Cundy NA in the traditional manner appropriate for the magnificent machine. None of this plastic stick on stuff for the Vicar, sheer class Ian number 34.

Magnificent magazines.

Robin Gibbs, still clearing Stan Shepards collection, offered more for members to take away from the meeting, Stan would be pleased, thanks Robin.

Air cleaner TD spec.

Ken Fisher's pleas were answered by first time fellow TD member John Phillips who had a spare. John's TD is a magnificent powder blue in exceptional condition, another magnificent car and welcome in John. The TD's are on the ascendancy in the register which pleases TD McNabb no end.

Website matters.

You have to feel sorry for Ken Burke, doing his best with the other members of the committee to resolve a difficult situation. I am sure that it will be reinvigorated soon with new personnel. I think that there is not much more to say at this stage, good luck Ken and company.

National Meeting matters

Anthony Pearson.com and Ken Burke made strong appeals for support from the register for help with events at the National Meeting of MG hosted by SA this Easter break. Several offers were taken up but the Motorkhana at the Bend race track needs volunteers, food and fuel vouchers are on offer by the car club to attend.

More magnificent machines

The John Ellis owned racing TC Tillett Special for 40 years, rebuilt and first raced in 1985 at Mallala, will be on display at the Nat Meet concourse at Easter, together with two other Ellis MG's of note, specials in race trim. These will be great to see.

The Law of Mechanical Repairs MG folklore.

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you will have to pee!

And, THE LAW OF GRAVITY,

Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

And finally, THE LAW of THE RESULT

When you try to prove to someone that the car won't start, IT WILL!!!

Faces in the crowd.

Those missing in action included Forthy (back in his usual space on the list), Mozza, Jim Bowering, John Henderson, John Tamke, The Schillers, The Lancasters, Andrew Bate, Mike Osborn, Garry Chapman.

Notable attendees: Boys from the Deep South, Messrs Burman, Walker, Shipside & Greenwood all making the trip up from Goolwa. Roland Harris last man in and thanks for finding the steering wheel, John Phillips first register meet, Joy Pearson looking well.

Next meeting

Not arranged at this point, will be advised when the venue is determined.

Safety fast everyone.

John Bray BOTR