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Prewar and T Type Register report , December 1, 2022

### **Those magnificent men in their driving machines.**

Yes indeed, the end of year register meeting at Eden Hills home of Mozza and Steph. A big thankyou to them both and Steve for the use of the big verandah on the night. Everything is big around there, the olive tree , biggest in SA and finally the sandwiches, what a hoot !

This is going to be a fairly brief report as it is the end of year windup for the register so please bear with me.

**Apologies.** Yes the usual suspects, #1= Forthy. Ian Burman, David Liebrandt, Garry Chapman (recovering) Mike Greenwood, Kenny Fisher & Capt Simon Ewart (flying)

**Role call numbers,** TC-8, TD-7, TF-8, Y-1 & NA-1 Total 25 register cars

The Steve Grist Studebaker does not count but he sacrificed bringing the TD to show us the magnificent restoration of the early model vehicle, ripped from the bowels of a dirty garage in Adelaide to be brought back to a superb condition that is much admired. He is a quiet bloke but obviously has the passion and skills to undertake a difficult project to fulfillment.

**General Business.** Congratulations to Peter Shipside, TF 1500 who will have his car and personage displayed on the Totally T Type magazine, totally fantastic !

Secretary of Registers, Ken Burke appealed to members to support the National meeting next year at Easter so did AC Pearson as well, more to come it's heating up.

Car boot sale was in progress from Robin Gibbs to dispose of the remainder of Stan Shephard's model collection on behalf of the family. Some of us snapped up a bargain.

John Davies chimed in with advice on the McLaren Vale , Vintage Classic 23 April 2023. Another great event in SA worthy of support by all of us who scoff pizza and wine.

Donald GWW Walker, messenger of the goddess Jeanette, gave advanced notice of the next exciting and glamorous event being planned for May next year. More to come he says at the next meeting when with alluring and often illusory charm, the goddess herself will speak of this.

Stephen Marlow has advised of the impending book sale at the club on Saturday, his usually very reliable MGF has the Rolls Royce affliction- "failed to proceed"

**The best for last, The Magnificent men in the flying machine.** We were treated to a 38 min video of Anthony Pearson impersonating an officer of the most prestigious Royal Air Force flying squad in the two seater WWII Spitfire over Dover in the UK. This was a flight that ACP has dreamed about for some years and it was certainly an emotional one given that his father David Pearson was a serving member of the RAF as a navigator in the famous WWII Lancaster bombers in the actual airspace that Anthony impeded into on the joy flight with the Spitfire. Known as the F1 of fighter planes of the era, this was an impressive machine that saved Britain in the famous battle in the sky.

There was a lot of discussion on the aftermath of the flight and the nervous condition of the recipient in the passenger seat behind the pilot, sick bags and other sanitary aids.

**The wrap up.** That is about all that I can report for the meeting, 40 signed in but in total there was 44, a good fun night .

The venue of the New Year meeting in January had not been established as Arthur was load testing his balcony for capacity, no decision yet.

The wish for a Merry Christmas was bestowed on all present.

Cheers, Boss of the Register, John Bray