

Prewar & T Type Register report for February 2023

It was a balmy night with a sprinkle of rain in leafy Fife Avenue Torrens Park , hosts Christine and Peter Auld , yes an early start but Peter was ready to go in his beautifully prepared garage.

Members totalled 45 who signed in plus a few guests and a good roll out of register vehicles comprising 2 TCs, 4 TDs , 3 TFs, & 1 NA.

I got there early (to unload the gear) followed closely by the McLeans in their TF, Geoff called for the cardboard immediately, Peter responded and I am so glad he did, reminiscent of Arthur's registers at West Lakes, leaks a plenty Geoff, hope that you are topping up frequently.

Apologies

There were 13 in total, thank you. However a change in the batting order, Brian Forth has been scratched from his number one spot, he did attend the meeting !

Our Curly

Sadly we were missing our Curly as he had died on the 9th of January. Pretty much a night of reflection on his life and the 67 years at the car club in practically all roles. He devoted so much time to the club and motor sport in SA and nationally. How lucky were we that he never settled down with one of the frequent female admirers in the early days, as we would not have benefited from his time and devotion if he had to pick up kids from school. He was just so busy that I reckon he never unfurled a garden hose at his Hawthorndene home.

The Reverend Woody

It was a great surprise to have the Reverend Martyn "Woody" Woodford , the priest that attended Curly's funeral service at All Hallows Anglican church in Blackwood. Ian Buckley initiated the invitation for him to come to the meeting. As much as we did not know a great deal of Curly's other passion, his local parish, Woody felt that he should see Curly's other "family" the MG Car Club, importantly the Register. Woody is a motoring man , drives a nice BMW with wheels missing on the passenger side, but very much in tune with Ian Buckley, a former motorcycle police instructor himself. Some great pictures of Woody with us on the night.

The Vicar Cundy

Our own "Vicar" Cundy arrived in the NA sporting the superb super charger, all running at last. We have been waiting for this and a crowd immediately formed on the driveway to look and listen to a high revving engine initiated by its proud owner who has bragging rights give the 89 brake horsepower at the rear wheels. What a magnificent car 89 years old and going great.

Stephen Marlow

Stephen addressed the meeting pending his move to become the next president of the MGCCSA at the AGM. It was an impressive verbal CV to the meeting, full of enthusiasm and passion for the club. He has already performed wonders with the library at the club but I suspect that it is a lot more that he has to offer and we will see it in the near future.

John Davies

John handed out brochures for the McLaren Vale Vintage and Classic community event that attracts a huge range of great cars starting with a street parade on 23 April in the main street. John has always been passionate about this event over the years and he deserves our support, it is not only a parade but great food and wines at various venues, so lets go with it.

Bev Waters

Bev wanted me to pass on a message regarding Historic Registration. Subscriptions for club membership were due by end of December 2022, currently 140 have not renewed and are therefore technically unregistered! I called for a show of hands however either too embarrassed or unable to respond, no one is unregistered ! What a an outstanding result.

Ken Burke

Ken made a call for volunteers , as did AC Pearson, for support at the National meeting at Easter this year, I think that he is getting there but needs more members to help out.

Dean Hosking

Now joins Peter Micklem in unceremoniously cracking a bottle of wine on the pavement. Oh well another bottle of Grant Burge Cabernet Merlot is delivered to the street water table.

Meeting times

Despite giving a clear indication of the meeting details on the email mail out I have taken a “hit” about starting early, but it is not mandatory you know, I suggest that you use the MG principal.

MG : Might Get there early if I like to.

MG: Might Get a park out front or in the driveway if I like to.

MG: Might Get to talk to others out front as I like to often.

MG: Might Get to open a can of soup before I go as I like or not.

MG: Might Get to understand who actually runs and organises the Register.

MG: Might Get to get over it if you think it's that bad.

Location and weather , daylight saving and other factors are taken into account with times in consultation with the hosts.

Anyway I am over it , so let's look forward to the next meeting at Leigh Richter's 21 Hillside Drive Aldgate, probable start for some 7.00 for 7.30pm. No need to meet at Crafers park n Ride probably too early for those having soup entrée, and it's not that far.

Thank you to those who read and respond to the emails.

BOTR