

Breakfast Run to Macclesfield 30th April 2023

(Words Haydn Reynolds Pictures David McNabb)

Having had a slow start to the year and faced with a crowded calendar of other MG events the MGF and Modern MGs Register were pleased to be able to tag along with the April Breakfast Run to Macclesfield. Tried and true Breakfast Run procedures had John Roach organising everyone at the Veale Gardens assembly, where some MGF and Modern MGs participants turning up fashionably 5 minutes late was seamlessly accommodated and a smooth departure achieved.

A small contribution to the execution of the Run by the Moderns was for a certain Honda Civic to be placed as a big red 'signpost' at the (easily passed-by) McLaren Flat / Wickham Hill Road road-junction. Which, if the tooting horns was anything to go by, was appreciated by many participants.

The sometimes steep, winding Wickham Hill – Range Road stretch was notable for a fantastic photo opportunity. At one point on a straight stretch of road about half a kilometre long between two ridges, viewed from the last car there was a convoy of evenly-spaced MGs for as far as the eye could see. A rare and inspiring sight. Of course, the last car did not have a camera and it is quite possible the Cub's ace shutter-bug was in his TD near the very front of this rare convoy. Another time, perhaps! (David McNabb subsequently claiming his TD was being held up by an MGB.)

After arriving at Macclesfield and taking the time for a relaxed look at all the cars and catching up with Members who had joined the event along the way, the plan was for the MGF and Modern MGs group to take lunch at Macclesfield's 3 Brothers Arms. The original booking for lunch was for 20, a quick check on numbers at the carpark suggested the number attending would be 17 (due to some 'no-shows') yet the final tally at the 3 Brothers from the combined MGF and Modern MGs and Breakfast Run participants was around 30!

The ambience at the hotel was great, as was the food, albeit that the delivery of meals was delayed somewhat, as the kitchen staff were unexpectedly down a chef due to a recently broken collar-bone and another was moving house.

At the hotel, the opportunity was taken to canvass a potential combined Run at the end of June, to Murray Bridge, then on to The Bend Raceway for those interested in a lap behind a pace car during the lunch break at the scheduled. MSCA Super Sprint. Initial reaction was good! Stay tuned.

The participants from the MGF & Modern MGs component were: Daryl Kelly & Jane Dean (MGF/TF), Stephen & Chris Marlow (MGF/TF), Barrie McElroy (MGF), Lance McKay (Ford Capri), David McNabb & Kerry Hugo (TD (GS given the day off!)), Simon Pierce (MGF), Trevor Praithe (MG3), Haydn & Jeannie Reynolds (Honda Civic), Richard & Caroline Sutherland (MGF/TF), Stephen Wade & Andy Hill (MGF), Peter Walsh & Jenny Ho (MGF), Geoff. & Helen Worsley (MGF) and Guest, Russel Davis (MGF).

Photo Files for these pictures herewith.



Veale Gardens



Macclesfield



3 Brother Arms #1



3 Brother Arms #2