

MGF & Modern MGs MG Centenary Event 24/09/2023

(Words Haydn Reynolds, Pictures David McNabb)

The date for the MGF & Modern MGs MG Centenary Event was chosen to coincide with the MGF and TF Register in the UK holding its Centenary Event over the same weekend. This unfortunately put the Run in competition with the September Breakfast Run and the SANFL Grand Final, but we thrive on challenge and the 'International' link was appealing! In all, 17 vehicles took part in the Event, including, in addition to the MGFs and TFs, a ZS EV and the Triumph Stag of Committee Member Steve Bowra as a reminder that it is also the Centenary for the Triumph Marque.

The Run commenced at the Thorndon Park Reserve, where Members were able to gather around the easily seen combination of Dick Mannings Trophy-Yellow MGF and one of the MGCC Centenary Flags (on one of its first outing, I believe).



It may be noted from the photographs that the cars were parked 'nose-in' to the kerb. For any other Register, this would appear to be contrary to normal practice. However, it should be remembered that it is normal for the car engines to be closest to the photographer, as is the case here. In any event, it is also the most often seen view of Mr Manning's (various) MGs.



With most of the participants in place by the very civilised time of around 10:00am, they were treated (some say subjected) to a talk with a Centenary theme, as would be expected at such an Event. In truth, the talk was less about the achievements of the past (grist for the mills of the other Registers) and more about the future. For anyone interested, the text of the talk has been submitted for posting on the web-site.

In order to add a 'National' context to the proceedings, the route chosen for the Run was the 95km one, via Williamstown, Springton, Mount Pleasant and on to Lobethal used for the Observation Run at the recent National Meeting. It provides a serve of twists and turns early on and then sweeping bends and straights for the latter stages, to ensure stomachs are appropriately settled in time for lunch at the Lobethal Bierhaus. All helped along by good roads, beautiful weather, and no driving dramas.



The entrance to the Bierhaus carpark was once again clearly identified by the Yellow MGF and Centenary flag combination. The group was well looked after by Alistair and his staff and the food was great. Overall, the feedback on the event has been most positive and can perhaps be best summed up by one comment being "When is the next one?"



The MGF & Modern MGs participants in its MG centenary Event were: Dean & Jennifer Baker (MG6), Andrew Booth & Jessica Booth (MGF/TF), Steve Bowra (Triumph Stag), Chris & Wes Bray (MG3), Geoff Burls (ZS EV), Garry Chapman (MGF), John & Kate Kelly (MGF/TF), Dick Manning (MGF), Peter McCrae (MGF), Barrie McElroy & Kerry Marshall (MGF), David McNabb (GS), Simon Pierce (MGF), Haydn & Jeannie Reynolds (MGF/TF), Richard & Caroline Sutherland (MGF/TF), Stephen Wade (MGF), Peter Walsh & Jenny Ho (MGF), Mark Whibley & Alan Bennetta (MGF/TF).



Enjoy whatever you drive!

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