

## **Pre-War & T-Register Report November 2023**

### **From Arthur Ruediger**

The November meeting was held at the Paechtown residence of Peter & Bronwyn Micklem, a big thankyou to Peter & Bronwyn for opening up their site for our enjoyment, also thanks to Suzette Cook for her assistance in serving the supper. There were 42 members in attendance with 6 TCs, 5 TDs, 7 TFs, 3 Pre-war and one MG B driven to the venue.

Fifteen or so members met at the Crafers bus exchange prior to leaving at 6.30 for the sprint up the freeway to the Micklem's, led by Thane in the TC.

There were 12 apologies recorded including Buckles still in China & the Bazzica's still in the USA.

Brian Forth has returned to the list of apologies, well it was a good run by his standards.

Future meetings were confirmed for December 14<sup>th</sup> at Mozza's, week later than the usual first Thursday of the month, and January at Simon Ewart's in Heathfield, an ongoing dispute with the local council may jeopardise the completion of Simon's new garage in time for our meeting.

### **General Business**

There was a brief report on the recent Pre- War & T- Type all in Canberra attended by 14 of our members with 8 MGs making the trip. There is a full report in the October issue of the club magazine. During the presentation dinner at the rally one of the awards, "The Spirit of Bathurst Award" for the MG owner who participates with his or her car in historic racing or other competitive events and in the opinion of the judges best represents and demonstrates the continuing competition traditions of the MGs was awarded to Alexander Hick, as Alexander was unable to be present to accept the award it was accepted by Peter Cundy on Alexanders behalf and was then presented to Alexander, by Peter, at the register meeting. Congratulations to Alexander on winning this award and also for achieving his majority of turning 21 years of age recently.

The Vailo 500 rally in November with the MG Car Club having 40 MGs on display over the 4 days and providing 32 cars for a driver parade from the Victoria Park track to Rundle mall has been finalised, sorry to see that only one TC will be on display, but 5 TDs and 5 TFs will be representing the register.

Peter Micklem had to call on all the back yard mechanics at the meeting as a result of his TA has recently decided "not to proceed" when requested, the probable cause was probably a malfunctioning clutch.

A recent email I received from a John Cockrem was seeking information on TC 2268 which he has owned for 56 years and was previously owned in the 1950s or 1960s by Robert Glover.

Lachlan Kinnear asked, in his absence, for the meeting to be informed that the Glen Ewin hill climb revival is on again next year on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

Nigel Steele Scott reported that he entered 8 of his cars in the Bay to Birdwood, but only 7 made it the finish, the MG TD that Nigel was driving was rear ended by another entrant, badly damaging the slab fuel tank which is unrepairable, but since then Peter Auld has tacked one down on the web site and the info has been passed onto Nigel.

TD McNabb has recently journeyed to Melbourne in the TD for The Spring Time Rally.

AC. Pearson has returned from his annual pilgrimage to the UK for the Beaulieu swap meet and Goodwood revival, during a visit to Biggin Hill he had a tour of a facility that is undergoing the rebuild of 12 Spitfires.

Ken Burke reminded those present of the British Classics Tour coming up on 17<sup>th</sup> March, with the MG Car Club organising the starting point at Pt Noarlunga.

Russell advised that Ben Finnis at Collectable Classics has a MG TC for \$45k.

Dean Hosking advertised the Sporting Car Club library sale on 18<sup>th</sup> November.

By all accounts the drive home was rather fast and furious on the freeway for two notable members, the Vicar in the supercharged NA and Mozza in the 1300 TD, mind you none exceeded the speed limit by much anyway. Net result was that Mozza could not press the pedal to the metal any further.

Another good wine presentation from Willo, many excited recipients of the traditional raffle.

Peter Auld is grasping with technology it seems but did take home a bottle for Christine, no stress.

Peter Micklem's special blend of port was eagerly consumed by some, maybe he is a better wine maker than mechanic, but as always it is a lovely drop of fortified.

Thank to all who attended, see you all next time at Mozza's.

Cheers Arthur BOTR.1