

Pre-War & T- Register report January 2024

From Arthur Ruediger

The first meeting for 2024 was held in the beautiful Adelaide Hills suburb, at the Heathfield property of Simon & Nat Ewart. As the 24 register vehicles rolled in they were welcomed by Simon and his parents who were on holiday from Victoria. Including Simon's parents there were 46 attendees at the meeting and the roll call of vehicles were, 10 TCs, 5 TDs, 8 TFs and one Y-Type. A big thankyou to Simon & Nat for hosting the meeting and for the parents help in assisting with the supper arrangements.

Peter Stanley a relative new comer to register meetings arrived in his lovely looking red TC "special" with cycle guards and other interesting modifications. The former owner who did all the adjustments unfortunately suffered a back injury and was unable to "throw his leg over" to get in and out of the TC.

Most of us can remember what a "leg throw" meant in a T Type in the early days I am sure, something to do with the handbrake.

A reminder was given to sign the attendance book to ensure that points towards the award of the Irving cup can be recorded.

There were 11 apologies received including Forthy getting off to good start for the year, other notable reasons for members unable to attend were, Peter Cundy, attending a wake for a recently deceased family friend, Trevor Driver on holiday in Robe, the Lancasters in New Zealand and hopeful first timer Tony Bedford in his TF due to a call out to help his son whose car had broken down, we hope to see you next month Tony.

General Business

Willo said that he recently ran into Mal Curnow opposite Lewis Bros. bus depot, Mal a former club member and Morphett Bus Lines driver apparently now lives in a converted bus. Then Deano Hosking added that he built his first race car at the rear of Lewis Bros bus depot.

Willo continued with last month's trivia show and tell with a formula 3 Mercedes racing piston, Teflon coated and only \$6000.00 per set.

Nigel Steele-Scott continued his hard luck story concerning his TD that got rear ended in The Bay to Birdwood rally, now wants 2 wheel nuts, the chassis is buckled and so is the spare wheel.

AC Pearson.com reported that his friend Stewart Penfound in the UK, is selling his MG Lister of which there are only 10 off, offers in the area of 85,000 British pounds considered.

John Davies reminded the meeting of the upcoming Maclaren Vale vintage classic festival, entries available on line. Also the Anzac weekend Historic racing weekend at Mallala, 26th to 28th April

Ken Burke commented on the British Classics 17th March. Looking for a couple of volunteers to help with traffic marshalling at the start.

Ken had a lovely bottle of Handpicked 2018 Shiraz, Barossa Valley with attractive MG logo issued to those purchasing MG moderns from Hamilton's Brighton Road. John Bray told him after struggling with the cork, to let it "breathe" for a bit, amazing how it evaporated in the bottle so quickly!

Russell Garth, TC numbers are now on his "on line" list.

Reg O'Malley, a great stalwart of the car club announced that he also had lists of cars (TC's) purchased from Motors Limited in the late 40's onward, also lists of Morris etc but of not much interest to MG owners, however history of sales and ownership are to be seen, but a search warrant may need to be issued to help him find the said documents, enquiries continue.

While on the subject of Russell Girth (TF) and friends attending, good to see the following TF devotees, Jim Bowering enjoying the comfort of the 5 speed, a bit noisy though, Grant Carr, Ian

Burman car not sold thank goodness, Peter Shipsides from the deep south, driving instructor to Ian Burman and of course Peter Auld, Andrew Bate and Geoff & Anne McLean, a great representation.

David McNabb (TD) as part of the tour group assembled at Coromandel Valley for the blast up Ackland's Hill Road has been reported for slow play up the hill by Mr Garth, apparently the 5 speed needs to be put back a cog to keep up.

He is not the only TD driver reported, Steve Grist was on the phone and nearly missed the take le Mans start, Steve you should know the car club waits for no one!

Dean Hosking dropped his windscreen on the TD in an attempt to rekindle his racing days experience, however as it might seem faster he still had to change gears on the blast up Acklands Hill to keep up.

Ian Sweetman had Ray Finch rugged up for the ride home in the TC, Ray nursing a bottle of distilled water for either the radiator top up or a thirst quencher, makes no difference just good planning.

Talking about going home well prepared, Peter Auld took away his raffle prize, the 1 litre Hardy's Shiraz selected carefully by Willow, I am told that he gets a very warm reception with the bottle first through the door. No need to say more Christine will allow another Register if he keeps up delivering.

The Irving Cup In accordance with longstanding tradition the results and awarding of The Irving Cup is always announced at a register meeting and the winner is then confirmed at the Annual General Meeting of the club in March. The winner for 2023 was Brian Golding with an unprecedented effort of driving his MG TC to all 12 Register meetings, all the way from Murray Bridge regardless of the weather conditions, congratulations Brian on an outstanding effort. Runners up were BOTR.1 and Grant Carr.

The next register meeting will be held at Chris and Annette Kinney's, subject to me sweet talking Annette into hosting the event.

Cheers Arthur BOTR.1