

Pre-War & T- Register report December 2023

From Arthur Ruediger

The weather was perfect for the December meeting held at the home of Steve & Marian, brother in-law and sister in-law of Maurice Linehan and Stephanie who occupy adjoining properties at Willora Road Eden Hills. A big thankyou to Steven, Marian, Maurice and Stephanie for hosting another successful Pre-War & T- Register meeting which to some club members is the hi-light of monthly club activities.

There were 43 members signed in but I am sure there were several others present who failed to sign the attendance book, there were also some of Mozza's neighbours who joined the gathering to inspect the roll up of register vehicles, one Pre- War ND, seven TCs, four TDs, seven TFs and Peter Cundy's recent acquired C – Type Jaguar & Nigel Steele – Scott's Aston Martin DB 2/4.

Apologies were received from the following, David Kemp fighting bushfires in WA, Simon Ewart due to roster conditions in his role as an airline pilot, Garry Chapman, Ken Fisher hosting his company Christmas party, Robin Gibb holidaying in QLD, Don Walker, and although not an apology Forthy is back to his old habits and was AOL.

General Business A moments silence was observed following a report on the recent death and funeral of respected member Graham Loader. Arthur reported that he had visited Pat Loader for a coffee and chat and retrieved the Irving Cup which Graham won for the 2023 club year, during his visit Pat advised that our club Patron and longtime friend of Graham's was going to help Pat in the sale of the Y- type and the Mustang.

Nigel Steele - Scott spoke about the acquisition of his Aston Martin DB 2/4 originally purchased in pieces in 1970's and rebuilt by Nigel, body painted entirely by Tafe students, a remarkable job. The car attracted a lot of attention parked alongside Peter Cundy's C-Type Jaguar on the grassed area, remote from the Pre- War and T-Types on the old tennis court.

Peter Cundy informed the meeting that ND was being shipped to the UK, in a container, leaving on January 16 next year when Peter will enter the car in local hill climbs and race meetings in some of the well known tracks in the UK. The car was inspected prior to loading and was given a clean bill of health to ensure no asbestos based products were in existence.

John Bray asked me to report on the Old Cocks' Run organised by the Sporting Car Club of SA to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the club traveling from the Victoria Park grandstand to Wigley Reserve at Glenelg on Sunday 5th May 2024. There will be two classes of entrants, pre 1935 and vehicles from 1935 to present day, Entry fee is \$30.per vehicle.

Finchy reported the TC restoration is nearing completion with the brakes and the engine almost ready to be fired up.

The traditional wine raffle was conducted by my able assistant Johnny, with a selection of wines purchased by my wine procurement agent Willo, and in addition Willo provided a bottle of Vintage Baileys Rutherglen Port for the raffle and was taken home by ex BOTR John Bray.

Notable winners were the Pearson family and the McLean's who absconded with 2 bottles each.

New member on his first night, John Malcolm entertained us with a myriad of questions relating to his TF purchased from Hindmarsh Island with the help of Peter Auld. A warm welcome John.

Ken Burke was on the hunt for Carl Aitken, debt collecting for John Roach it seems. A difficult task as Ken had no idea what Carl looked like and refused a modest commission to John Bray who produced

the debtor after a citizen's arrest. Maybe mug shots should be handed out to The Secretary of Registers.

Willo had a show and tell item for the meeting, engine valves from a Mercedes Benz 4 cylinder 2 Lt. formula 3 racing engine. A set of 16 valves, springs & collets replaced as a matter of course after 5 to 7 thousand km at a cost of AUD\$6000, pistons \$1780 each. Compared to MG TF valves at \$35 and Mercedes valves \$260, so don't let me hear anyone say MG parts are expensive.

AC Pearson reported details of a TC chassis with a lot of work done, sand blasted welded and straightened etc. comes with a spare XPAG engine block, numerous body panels, and extra parts to make a great TC special or scrounge the missing bits and pieces to make a complete TC, asking price is \$5600 per Brian Jeffery, contact via AC Pearson

Someone is looking for a TA chassis On the net, there appears to be one at Strathalbyn half of which is welded to a TC chassis with a body on top, highly over priced was the cry.

The "Duck" was on his best behaviour Thursday night, Artfur's ND was checked several times for unwanted obstacles on the front seats, pays to be vigilant.

Ian Burman, passenger with Peter Shippside is rethinking the sale of his TF, apparently Ian was on board to experience some solid driving on the way up from Goolwa. If Ian goes over to the dark side. It will not be a "Triumph" but a disaster I wager.

John Tamke says that he might not crawl under the house much more to play with the TF bits, could be another resto job coming up.

Goldy's night fighter goggles were offered to the best bidder, however I am not sure that he got any takers, if you could weld with them then they would be more useful.

Great to see that there were members still battling on at 10.30, just like the old days of The Register, bring it on.

Thanks to all who attended and made it another very successful meeting, the January meeting will be held at the Heathfield home of Simon Ewart, subject to rostering arrangements.

As there is no magazine published in January the meeting at Simon's will already have been held before you read this report.

Cheers Arthur Ruediger BOTR.1