

Pre-War & T-Register Report – February 2024

From Arthur Ruediger

The February 2024 meeting was held at the Myrtle Bank home of Chris & Annette Kinney, a big thank you to Chris & Annette for hosting the meeting. The weather was perfect and the extensive lawned rear garden area of their property was a perfect setting for the 10 TCs, 8 TDs, 8 TFs and one Y-Type tourer., all parked on the grass. There were 53 members present and 9 apologies were recorded and Forthy put in an appearance for the first time this year.

The rotary clothes line fixed at a permanent low height, to suit Annette, was adorned in warning lights to deter the taller of us from walking into it. Their neighbour had kindly lent them about 30 plastic chairs which were spread out on the lawn providing seating for almost everyone.

The usual nibbles of cheese, crackers, crisps and nuts were provided before the pizzas arrived at 8.30 and tea coffee and cake followed.

General Business

Forthy is looking for some where reliable, preferably in the North Eastern area, to do a brake service on the TD

John Malcolm reported that a friend of his has a set of inch & half SU carbies for sale, he also commented that a recent purchase of a MOTA LITA steering wheel for the MG was provided with a centre hub that would not fit.

Ken Burke reminded the meeting re the British Classic cruise and wants 4 volunteer traffic marshals for the start venue at Pt Noarlunga between.30 and 9.30

TD McNabb – a friend, David Thomson has a TD for sale, no other details available, see TD McNabb

President, Stephen Marlow advised that our Patron Ed Ordynski is standing down after 18 years of outstanding service at the AGM in March, and a new appointment will be announced at the same time.

AC Pearson.com is looking for a rear bearing hub housing for a TC in any condition he said.

Peter Cundy – The NA was loaded into a 20 ft. shipping container on 8th January and Peter recounted that he had engaged two union registered stevedores, Mr Ian Long and Mr Arthur Short, to oversee the loading and securing of the NA and associated spares and tools into the container. Peter also noted that the NA received an official blessing from BOTR.1 for a safe journey, prior to the container being sealed. At the latest report the ship is in Singapore and is due to arrive in South Hampton on 17th March hopefully without bullet holes from the Houthi rebels in the Red Sea.

A fellow Riley Car Club friend of Chris & Annette had forwarded details of a planned celebration of the 1936 AGP held at Victor Harbor, was the first AGP held away from Philip Island Victoria. A four day programme is planned from 1st to 4th November 2024 and the organisers are hoping that the MG Pre-War and T- Register section can be involved.

Willow reports that the TC is progressing, the mudguards have been repaired by a retired panel beater friend of Ken Langle, and painting is booked to start on 1st March. Colour selected is BMW wine red.

BOTR.1 gave a nod of thanks to Willo for organising the supply of wine for the monthly raffle and to the immediate past BOTR for conducting the raffle each month.

Following Peter Auld taking home a litre bottle of Shiraz, won at last month's raffle, Christine has been sweet talked into hosting the March register meeting at their Torrens Park home.

Woolworths will deliver cardboard boxes for the driveway if you are thinking your T Type is drip free.

More newsworthy items.

Who are the emerging Gurus of the MG Register? Could be **Robin Gibbs** as he sets about rebuilding a 1929 M Type from many bits and pieces. It is reassuring to hear that he is receiving parts from Mike Greenwood from an early Morris that is almost identical, well-done Mike.

Offers for help from Ian Buckley J Type, and Lachy Kinnear gearbox doctor, are greatly appreciated.

But there is more, his faded red 1250 badged 1500 TF may be having a body makeover he says, just as well as it looks like the patina on the paintwork is heading the way of Bob Schapel's road TC bonnet. Better be quick Robin like you were getting your logbook stamped in a hurry by BOTR.1 on the Thursday night.

Ian Sweetman could be another, seen squirreling a box of parts to his car at the meeting, fairly rusted by the looks of it. The TC rebuild is moving at snail's pace, but it is exciting to hear of another MG being brought back to life.

And yet another DIY emerging guru, **Dr Carl** (Aiken) is painting his B Type solo he says and loving it in his special place, the shed. Wonderful to hear how a man can be so content with his MG project in the shed.

Go figure this. Q: When is a fig tree not a fig tree? A: When it's a Walnut Tree Ken Burke.

Secretary of Registers, **Hon Ken Burke** was trying to convince us that the fruit growing on the tree was EXACTLY the same as his at home, fig! Unfortunately, it was Walnuts confirmed by Chris Kinney. Well, you could actually see that, maybe Ken you should check your fig tree for walnuts?

Breaking News: **Neville Danial** won a bottle of wine in the raffle. Surprising, yes because now he can stop moaning and complaining about his lack of success in previous raffles. The squeaky wheel just got greased with a poo load!

Good cop bad cop: **Inspector Ian Buckley** demonstrated his firsthand traffic ability guiding a stiff-necked John Bray in the TC back into the recesses of the fragrant Kinney Garden, a beautiful fit right into the mayor's parlour. Always was a "good Cop" "never been a "bad Cop" thanks the instructions were heeded to the satisfaction of the guiding officer but the alignment was way off!

NEXT MEETING: Peter & Christine Auld, Torrens Park

Hoping to see you there. Cheers Arthur BOTR.1