

Pre-War & T-Register report March 2024

From Arthur Ruediger

The March meeting was held at the home of Peter & Christine Auld, Torrens Park, the temperature during the day had been extremely hot but the evening turned out just perfect for the 13 T-Register vehicles that were driven to the meeting and the 48 members who signed the attendance book. We thank Peter & Christine for their hospitality for hosting the meeting. There were several apologies, including AC Pearson, Bob Schapel, Trevor Driver, Terry Wright and John Roach, travelling over to Philip Island for the historic race meeting. Other apologies were recorded for President, Stephen Marlow, TD McNabb, David Herbert and Nigel Steele Scott, who will be our host for the April meeting at his Mt George home where his collection includes two Vintage Rolls Royce's, Riley sports, MG TD. Renault., Alvis, Aston Martin DB4/2 and a rare single cylinder Speedwell.

Congratulations Peter on a wonderful setup for the meeting, it is a stunning venue in your impressive garage with it's hospital like epoxy coated floor, made a lot of us envious, wishing we had the same.

General Business

The meeting was conducted by a former WW 2 German officer wearing a German storm trooper's helmet and assisted by a WW 2 English officer resplendent in his tommy helmet.

All British Day, we had 64 cars on display in the centre of the main oval including Robert Horn's five T-Types, a great effort Robert. The club has received a letter of appreciation from the ABD secretary congratulating us on an exceptional display.

Peter Cundy reported that the ship carrying the NA is now off the coast of Western Sahara, approaching Tenerife.

Grant Carr is still waiting on parts for the TF

Mike Greenwood introduced a visitor., Maurice Byrne owner of a TC, 3 Jaguars and the Triumph Gloria previously owned by Peter Auld

Paul Dallwitz is looking for a 4.3 or 4.9 crown wheel and pinion set for his TF

Dean Hosking informed us that the Climb to The Eagle will be held a week earlier than usual due to a clash with another event.

Simon Ewart did not bring the TC, reporting problems with the engine gradually losing revs on idle when the clutch was engaged, Bob Bazzica's diagnosis was a tune up required.

Roving reporter's remarks.

Peter Micklem has had the TA's clutch rebuilt, proudly offering images of the corks impregnated into the disc that runs in oil, the wet clutch. Any donations from the Penfolds variety may be appreciated.

Don Walker (Ghost Who Walks) up from Goolwa announced that he had no more cars to sell currently, however a few parts appear to be on the table to offload, watch this space.

Colin (Doc) Whyatt proudly announced that he is one of the "Miget Society" nothing to do with MG Midgets of course, it is all to do with the position of the peep hole in the front door, his is lower than most.

Shelly Bazzica, now here's a story. Managed to shower Anne McLean with a glass of bubbly while getting excited at the meeting. No damage done according to Geoff.

Jim Bowering TF. Announced the status of the clutch, new pressure plate, thrust bearing all good now but she is a little noisy in 3rd gear he says. Not uncommon we might say.

Ken Fisher announced that he will not be in good shape for the next 6 months, we all wish him well and hope to maintain contact and support throughout the journey to recovery.

Ian (Inspector) Buckley announced that the J2 has now had its refurbished cylinder head aligned and carefully bolted down onto the block with great ceremony. Our thanks must go out to the considerable team of professionals that have been guiding their client all the way in this delicate procedure.

If only you could get Medicare for this type of operation!

Another Pre-war story. 'Seargent Schultz' announced at the meeting that the ND would be going into Richmond's for sale as none of the British at ABD Echunga would make an offer. I know nothing Colonel Hogan!

The Mini Cooper S spotted outside Auldys in Fife Ave was indeed a substitute for the lovely cream TC of the talented and fix- a- holic Thane Martin. What if we were going for a record turnout of T 's ? Yes indeed it is hard to get good staff these days!

Russell Garth announced that he met Rich Russo at ABD from Connecticut USA who had an interest to see British Cars and took photos of ours. He was delighted to feel welcome in the illustrious company of Russ and other Aussies, photos are being posted on Facebook by Russell Slimline Garth.

Finally, it goes without saying that it was good to see the "Duck" arrive with Mozza in the TD and on the phone as usual, and up to old tricks. Arthur certainly checked the TC before jumping in.

Another good Register gathering squared away at Torrens Park, with only **one** major slip up!

Peter Auld left the enticing sweets in the refrigerator, forgot, gone, too much for the cat to finish!

Thanks to all who attended and look forward to the next meeting at Nigel Steele Scott's

His place is not that easy to get to at Mt George, but we will make sure that it is signposted adequately beforehand.

Cheers Arthur Ruediger BOTR.1