

MG Pre-War & T- Register report April 2024

From Arthur Ruediger

The April 2024 meeting was held at the sprawling Mt. George property of Nigel Steele Scott, a special thank you to Nigel for the extremely generous offer to host the meeting and the special effort he put into arranging a display of his extensive and rare vehicles. The Aston Martin DB 2/4 and the 1946 Austin tourer were on display on the grass below the balcony where the meeting was held, the 1922 and 1923 Rolls Royce's were out of their normal garaging spots making it easier to see, the 1925 Alvis duck back tourer and the 1954 Citroen were in their usual spot but still accessible for viewing. The very rare 1904 2 cylinder Speedwell had been relocated to the garage nearer to the house alongside the 1929 Riley roadster and the sorry looking MG TD.

Nigel cranked up the 1924 Rolls much to our delight and it would have been possible to balance a 50 cent coin on the radiator while the motor was running such was the smoothness and vibration free of the running motor. The 1904 Speedwell was sold new in Adelaide, in 1905, to John Cornell who later started a business called Lenroc which was his surname spelt backwards, the Speedwell would not have been able to demonstrate any coin balancing tricks.

The sorry looking MG TD which as previously reported suffered a backend collision with a truck during the recent Bay To Birdwood, there was plenty of professional advice on the best way to fix the problem from the likes of Bob Bazzica and Ray Finch.

General Business

A total of 38 members signed the attendance book, with 8 TCs, 4 TDs, 4 TFs, and one Y type among the register vehicles driven to the meeting.

Apologies were recorded from 8 members including Peter Cundy, racing around the UK in the NA, and John Bray required at a "must attend" event of a grand child's Band concert evening.

TD McNabb freshly arrived back from the MG National Meeting in Tamworth this afternoon was chauffeured to the meeting in Thane's TC, and gave a brief report on the pre-war and T- types that were at the Nat meet, M types, J2s, an SA Tickford, several TAs, two K3 replicas, 6 TCs, 4 TDs, 3 TFs and 5 YT tourers.

Bob Schapel introduced visitor, Mark Purdie, to the meeting Mark is currently restoring an MG TF and intends to join the MG Car Club

David Mc Naughton reported that he had spoken to Ken Fisher who has or is about to have 3 days in hospital for his continuing treatment and sent his regards to all at the meeting.

AC Pearson had several sets of Whitworth spanners for sale at \$65 per set.

Roland "Hurricane" Harris had a 50 mm diameter electric dash board cock of unknown origin for giveaway but I think it ended going back home with him.

Bob Bazzica is looking for a set of rear brake drums for the restoration of the ex Curley Walker MG A, Mike Greenwood put his hand saying he could help. He is also after a TC inlet manifold and air cleaner.

John Malcolm arrived late in the TF, his excuse was hard trying to find his way in the dark with no headlights, AC Pearson obtained a length of wire from Nigel intending to bypass the switch but discovered everything was working correctly, John was trying to turn the lights using the wrong switch.

In the absence of my little mate and former BOTR, Johnny, who usually runs the raffle the task went to Willo who not only procured the wine but conducted the raffle as well, it was noted that the Bazzica's did alright, both taking home a bottle, Nigel was given a bottle for his effort in hosting the evening.

Future meetings – The next meeting will be held at Mummy Pearson's courtesy of Anthony and Wenona, meeting venues for September thro to December are already booked but I have nothing in between at the moment, so any suggestions would be most welcome.

Cheers, Arthur Ruediger BOTRR.1