

Pre-War & T-Register Report May 2024

From Arthur Ruediger BOTR.1

The May meeting for 2024 was held at the home of Joy (mummy) Pearson, Suffolk Road Hawthorndene, ably assisted by Anthoey & Wenona, a big thankyou to them for hosting the meeting.

A total of 39 signed the attendance book, and there were 14 apologies received, notable among them were the President, holidaying at Lake Como, Italy, hopefully not the club's credit card, Peter Cundy whose excuse was that he was having too much fun racing his NA around the UK. And Ken Fisher who will be going into the RAH for 3-5 weeks for his final round of chemo, followed by a stem cell transplant, the meeting wished Ken all the best for his ongoing treatment.

There were 15 T-Types and one Y-Type at the meeting plus a tatty looking TC chassis that Anthony is working on.

Longtime member Harry Slaghekke was a welcome attendee after an absence of quite a few years, he drove his TC, which he has owned since 1990, to the meeting.

General Business There was considerable discussion regarding the history and records of the MG T-types that were sold through Motors Ltd. Russell Garth now has the list of cars, obtained from Reg O'Malley, with the help of Reg's son Rodney. Russell is scanning the 139 pages of the list, and will send a copy to Richard Millington, who maintains the TC register on the Victorian club website list. There is now a record of over 630 TC's.

Russel has also scanned all of Ian Curwen Walker's and Stan Shepherd's photos and records.

BOTR.1 advise that the June register meeting was most likely to be a Sunday lunch run to the recently refurbished Macclesfield Hotel in lieu of the traditional meeting at a member's home.

AC Pearson still has 2 sets of quality Whitworth spanners he is trying to flog at \$65 per set.

BOTR.1 advised that former MG employee, founder of The Triple M Register and MG Guru, Mike Allison passed away recently, a memorial service was held for him at Abingdon on the 28th Of April and was attended by Peter Cundy in his NA along with a great number of MG members with a fantastic line up of twenty MG Pre-War vehicles on display. There is a number of videos on You Tube of the memorial.

During the meeting AC Pearson and Thane Martin organized a live phone hook up and video with Peter Cundy at his depot in the UK. Peter spoke about attending the memorial service for Mike Allison and his next race event at Sandvoort in the Netherlands, he commented that no exhaust muffler was required at Silverstone not like at Brands Hatch, he also mentioned that John Gillet of K3 fame was at the Mike Allison memorial and that John will be entering the K3 in the Monaco historic race meeting. Peter has just upgraded the brake linings on the NA and will not have to rely on pulling on the hand brake lever for extra stopping power.

And now the 9 o'clock news report.

A really "Joyous" occasion. A lovely gesture by Joy Pearson's family to provide the first celebration cake pending her 99th birthday coming up soon. Joy look absolutely radiant defying her years and she took great pleasure thanking us all individually, she is an amazing woman and always a delight at our meetings. God bless you Joy, even bigger celebration next year.

Peter Cundy is a big part of our club and now with Triple M Racing as reported in the Safety Fast UK Magazine place 9 in his first ever MMM race. Another club stalwart was also celebrated in the said magazine with The Car of The Month TD 11857, who else but TD McNabb! A 52 year owner no less.

Great to have two of our SA members listed in the magazine which labels as The Marque of Friendship May 2024 going worldwide.

Hard luck story. John Aslat encouraged to attend as a guest, dropped his \$10 in the can, signed in for two tickets, left the meeting early as T Martin RAA & Scar, told him that first to leave wins a prize, wins a bottle in absentia, does not collect. Next day he sets fire to his B with degreaser in the engine bay dowses with foam, a huge clean up and not a pretty sight indeed.

Good luck story. Grant Carr manages to solve the errant electrical failure in the TF's distributor, arrives at the meeting with three condenser's in hand proud that he has done the journey, taken lots of advice and finally sourced the correct unit from Rod O'Malley. Here ends the lesson.

Face in the crowd. Bev Waters absconds from child-sitting duties to make the memorable Register meeting at Pearson's. Congratulations Bev it was good to see you there on the memorable occasion.

Bob Schapel and Pat "The Duck " Mullins absent at the Adelaide Oval for the Crows v Pt Adelaide were no shows , however the result being palatable for Bob , would have been depressing for the Duck. TD Mc Nabb on the other hand wore the Crows scarf with enduring pride for the whole meeting despite the protestations from Russell Coil!

Speaking of coils. Emerging rivalry between the Coil Springers and the Leaf Springers is evident in email transmissions lately, with one common denominator, Russell Garth. Watch this space it is getting interesting, no admissions of guilt are being tendered at this stage.

Raider of the Lost Arc? Well that is what it currently looks like in the dark, the TC for sale by AC Pearson.com, just needs wheels so that it can be pulled out of the tomb into the daylight. A challenging project if you are up to it, but ultimately rich in rewards.

Once again, another great Register night, see you at the next event.

Cheers Arthur BOTR.1

