

## Pre-War & T- Register Report June 2024

From Arthur Ruediger

The June meeting was a departure from the regular meetings usually held at a member's home or garage in that it was a Sunday lunch held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June at the Oakbank Hotel.

There were 43 members and partners who joined us for the outing and they were unanimous in their support for the event.

The roll up of MGs included 6 – TCs, and a TC special, 2 TDs, 6 TFs, an MGA, a Y-type and 3 MGBs. Thirteen members met at the Crafers Bus interchange for an 11.30 departure for a 43 Kilometer drive, arranged by Thane Martin, through Piccadilly onto Old Mt Barker Road, Old Carey Gully Road, Range View Drive, Deviation Road onto Lobethal Road, through Lenswood and Lobethal past the Charleston Hotel into Mt Torrens Road and then at the very sharp right hand turn onto Onkaparinga Road, looking back it was a great sight to see the line up of MGs approaching the corner, then we went through Woodside and finally arrived at the Oakbank Hotel to meet the rest of the group who had driven directly to the hotel.

The comments from some of the group who took the route planned by Thane was that they had been on roads they never knew existed, and this was by some of the long-term hills dwellers.

The atmosphere in the private area where we had lunch was warm and friendly and it was a perfect setting for a relaxing afternoon. The usual wine raffle was not held and there was no business matters discussed except for the BOTR expressing his concern about all the excuses that were being offered when asking for volunteers to host a future register meeting. Although later that evening Ian Buckley did contact me and informed me that he would host the meeting in July, thanks very much Buckles.

### **And now, the six o'clock news.**

The guru who sells more light globes (for cash only) than McDonalds burgers has been spotted with a faulty brake light on the Concourse winning Y Type leaving the lunch on Sunday. Our thanks to Mr Aslat who reported it in. Guess the 1949 original globes don't last forever ACP.com

Arthur kindly let Willow & JB off raffle duties at lunch, a few had their money ready especially Peter Auld with Christine in tow, she likes her wine you know.

Also in tow, Sunny with Ian Buckley, she really loved her lunch, Buckles of course in generous spirits now that the J2 is actually running with its rebuilt engine sounding a treat. Perseverance and money are the key to the success of this pre-war project car.

Great to see 007 Terry Wright, fresh faced from the Winton trip and sipping on the Wicks Pinot Noir a sound favorite of his mate Willow Willington.

We had three guests join us on Sunday John Aslat, Don Finlay and new member Chris James who has now purchased a Mk1 1952 MGTD after trading in an MG Midget that was imported with him , and it has had difficulty with registration in all sorts of ways. Welcome Chris to the T Register, another Blackwood resident surrounded by MG's.

Bob Schapel's award for the best MG Special at the Winton meeting was a welcome reward for his racing achievements in the very fast TC over the years that he has pounded the track.

Don Walker, up from the "deep south" Goolwa seemed to enjoy the opportunity to be at a Register meeting and not have to drive back in the dark. Not sure what he has for sale, Jeannette's TF 1500/1250 we think.

Talking about sales, another TC is up on the British Classic Cars Buy Swap Sell website. It will only sell for cash as it resides in Hawthorndene. Negotiations with the owner may be difficult as he does not take Visa, never has, but you could try gold bullion. The said car was reported in last month's report, an interesting and challenging little project, a Phoenix rising from the ashes you could say.

Cannot say who the owner is but he has light bulbs too.

Thane Martin was buzzing and flapping around with Arthur for Historic Registration on his most recent purchase, an interesting car of European extraction we are told. With a new log book he will be mobile very soon, John Aslat was not at all complimentary about the "ash tray" on the rear engine boot, leave that to you to work out.

Peter Cundy, our patron and 1934 NA MG enthusiast is in the UK driving at Brands Hatch, Silverstone and soon Goodwood. Also a stint in the Netherlands at Historic Zandvoort racing circuit. The car is running really well, and the videos sent back by Peter are great, what a hoot!

Ken Fisher is out of RAH and back home for a prolonged convalescence, after his cancer treatment. So good that he is keeping us informed, we will not see him for the next 6 months. He will read this so we wish him the very best in recovery.

Until next time, over and out.

Cheers Arthur BOTR.