

Pre-War & T- Register Report July 2024

From Arthur Ruediger

The July meeting was held at the home of Ian Buckley in North Plympton, ably supported by his friend Sunny and his son Tristan, a big thankyou to Ian and his helpers for hosting another highly successful register meeting. There were 48 in attendance with 2 failing to sign the attendance book, one of these was first time attendee Chris James who is excused for not having the procedure explained to him, the other person not signed in took home a bottle of wine from the raffle, work that out.

There was a long list of apologies including Peter Cundy in Copenhagen, TD McNabb in Denver 'Colorado, John Davies in Spain, Leigh & Kaye Richter caravanning in WA, Mike & Jenny Greenwood in Tasmania, plus at least 8 others.

Register vehicles at the meeting comprised Ian's J2 and his TC plus 5 other TCs, 2 TDs, and 5 TFs

During the 5 years since the last register meeting held at Ian's. the J2 has undergone a major engine rebuild with help from Bob Wilkins, a longtime friend of Bob Schapel and Dean Hosking, who provided major machining services for the overhead cam components and Bob was on hand at the meeting to assist Ian in starting the mighty 847cc J2 engine, to the delight of the assembled crowd.

Forthy showed up at the meeting with 2 bottles of MG club port and 2 bottles of MG labelled wine which he donated as raffle prizes, good work Forthy.

Another member, Michael Griffin, also had an offering of 2 bottles of MG club port, from his late father Alan Griffin's collection, which was donated to the raffle, thanks to Michael and Forthy for their offers.

Talking about the raffle, one member who shall remain nameless misread the instructions and thought that the \$10 fee entitled him to 10 tickets. No way Hosea.

David Herbert, member, wine producer and pilot flew in from Mount Gambier, bringing with him 6 bottles of top shelf wine, one bottle at a time which will be used as a special raffle prize each month

General Business

Harry Aust has very low ratio diff in his TC and is seeking info on where to obtain a more suitable replacement, Bob Bazzica and Ray Finch, gave him several helpful suggestions.

Peter Auld reported that he had recently bought front suspension bushes from Moss Motors, only to find that when he opened the package, discovered they had been made in Australia anyway.

Ken Burke recently got scammed when he ordered a sump for the MG, on line from MG Spare Parts Pty Ltd. the payment disappeared into an account in Ontario Canada, he did get his money back but no sump.

Russell Garth reported that the club website has recently been down, something about our domain name not being registered properly. Problem has been resolved.

And now, the seven o'clock news

J2 Prank. Did anyone notice the "condom" fitted to the exhaust pipe ready for the much-awaited startup of the J2? Obviously not many, it was a complete flop, the result of a "blow out", much to the disappointment of the master prankster from Coromandel Valley.

J2 Prank 2. Planning was underway to steal the J2 from the shed in the middle of the meeting. Despite encouragement from a few scrupulous individuals, Ian Sweetman's plot failed as nobody could be found to lift the heavy end of the car.

TD Whistler. Yet again the previously mentioned prankster secretly fitter a whistler up the exhaust pipe of the lovely green TD from Eden Hills, one can only hope that this was a success otherwise it is only going to get worse. Hope it was a quiet ride home Mozza.

Peter Auld almost spoiled his night out with a bad rocker cover leak on the fabulous red TF, abandoning all hope he returned with a more reliable vehicle. Winning a bottle of wine made up for it especially if there was any oil on Christine's driveway needing explanation.

Artfur Rumminger. News is the ND has returned to the basement at West Lakes, unsold at this stage, points to Arty convincing another elderly citizen to vacate a car spot for his very prestigious MG. Smooth talking dude!

Russell Garth. The ever vigilant and self-appointed historial spotted a photo of Brian Sparkes original TC on the beach (Maslins?) in 1962. Follow up reveals that it is still registered and active in NSW the car originally delivered in SA. Neil Sparkes, Brian's son still looks after Brian's current TC, the lovely powder blue car which we knew from many previous register meetings.

Book signing. Please remember to sign the Register book at each meeting with your current contact number and email address if it has changed. This is an important document not only for historical use and club award assessment but also if BOTR has to stand up in the Family Court and testify that you were in fact present at the meeting.

The Duck. Yes it was good to see his smiling face at the meeting, prankster #2 like the smiling assassin, invisible in the crowd but always planning for his next victim.

The Hurricane. Finally it was good to see albeit late to the meeting, Herr Roland Harris (Hurricane) stooging around and paying particular attention to the engine of the J2 on song. Why Hurricane grasshopper, well Roland has a great interest in WW2 Battle of Britain fighter planes, hence the title.

Another really great register meeting, looking forward to the next meeting at Thane Martin's, home in Coromandel Valley. (RAA service is provided free if you need it)

Cheers Arthur BOTR