

Pre-War & T-register report for October 2024

From Arthur Ruediger & John Bray

The meeting for October was held at the premises of Phoenix Custom Restorations, Oborn Road Mount Barker. Our host and owner of the business was Jack Welsh, this was a first time venue for a T- Register meeting and we were most grateful that Jack had devoted his time and took great pains to make us welcome. There were 40 members and guests at the meeting but because of the rain forecast there were only 5 MGs driven to the meeting. There were 12 apologies recorded. Just before the members who had gathered at the Crafers Park & ride, a few spots of rain were felt so there was a mad dash to put MG hoods up, Max Sierp had the TF hood up without any trouble but the Duck, Pat Mullins needed the assistance of 6 others to get his up

Phoenix custom Restorations was founded in 2017 by Jack Welsh and need two separate buildings on Oborn Road, employing 11 tradesmen, ranging from panel beaters, painters and mechanics, and the class of work is second to none. There was a great range vehicles under restoration including a huge Bentley roadster with a straight 8 Rolls Royce motor, an American Stutz, E -Type Jaguar, 1927 Rolls Royce and many others.

General Business

Ken Burke reminded the meeting that entries for the Kimber run were down on last year and the closing date has been extended, some members had experienced problems down loading the entry form from the club Web site so Ken had brought along some copies for anyone wishing to enter.

Ken Burke - informed the meeting that A- Class Metal finishers were closing their business

Russell Garth – Lloyds Auctions advertising a TC for \$14500 and a TF for \$16500.

Ian Hobbs – MG C for sale in Brisbane, the 88, year old owner asking \$65- \$70 k

Goldy from the Bridge – had a brought along a box of MG spares and they were set upon like a seagull on a sick prawn. With Goldy pocketing the proceeds on the way to a deserving charity.

The traditional wine raffle conducted by former BOTR, J Bray, was conducted with the wine selection sourced by Willo. A bottle of David Herbert's quality wine was presented to our host Jack Welsh in appreciation. Yes a successful event, most people have got the hang of it, 2 ticket (squares) on paying the entry fee of \$10 and \$1 a square for **extra** numbers and opportunities.

The Nine o'clock news

The boys from the Deep South (Goolwa) Don Walker (Ghost who walks) & Peter Shippy Shippies were very pleased with their winning numbers taking home matching bottles each. That might entice them to come to the next meeting at Paechtown/Hahndorf.

Russell Garth very pleased to announce that he secured a lolly tin with a MG P Type embossed on the lid. Whatever turns you on mate, a special acquisition for the glass cabinet.

Steve Grist from Mt Compass enlisted a crowd to push start the TD several times , either the starter motor or the battery clicking away, but like a Rolls Royce they always say it “ failed to proceed”

Douglas Clarke son of Graeme, made a surprise appearance, still has the TD great to see him again

Grant Carr: At long last has the TF running on the road, brakes not quite right but settling in.

Ray Finch: Legend in his own lunch box has been mentoring Jack Welsh at his business it was stated. A great thing given the immense experience and skills that he possesses. Into his 80's now it really was not fair to suggest that he has been in cleaning the toilets, Ray cannot bend down that far !

Ian Buckley: The J2 voltage regulator has not surfaced! Apparently, it has been lost in The British Postal System, tut tut what a disaster could be raised at Westminster's next session.

Not much more to say well behaved members were mostly gob smacked by the quality of the cars under restoration at both premises, especially the quality of the paint work , amazing !

The next meeting will at the Paechtown home of Peter & Bronwyn Micklem, hope to see you there.

Until next cheers BOTR Arthur.