



T Register M.G.C.C Victoria

January 2016 Newsletter

STOP PRESS.

Don't forget the T Register Twilight Tour on Friday 15th January. Bookings are essential. A few places remain if you are quick. Cut off for bookings is Monday 11th.

Once again, the time has flown since the last Newsletter produced in early October. October was a full month of MG events but November was much quieter in the lead up to the TC 70th Birthday. Now even that has come and gone. I hope that you had a great family Christmas and wish you all a very happy New Year.

Many of us are purists that think T Types, and TC's in particular, are best when they are left as standard. But that ignores some of the basic strengths of the design that has allowed amazing feats from the numerous TC specials that have been built over the years. I was particularly reminded of this when I read Ernest Litera's "Behind the Wheel" report of Andrew Clayton's TC-Holden in Dec. Wheel Spin. At first thought, the car could be an over engined beast, but as Ernest found, he was soon "effortlessly lacing the hills and corners together", and that the car "is a great hill climb car". Obviously a great rebuild by Andrew.

Editorial tip for new TC owners.

My trip home from the EMR to Flinders was cursed with gale force Easterly cross winds. This made the trip, up the M11 freeway towards Melbourne, "Hell on Wheels" in my TC. At least it was hell until I stopped at the Service Centre and pumped the tyres up to 35 psi - one rear tyre had dropped to 26 psi. This change dramatically reduced the wild sideways swings. However, the driving conditions were still bad and so I abandoned the Tollway for the slower, but more relaxed suburban road network.

This is a tip for anyone who is new to TC's or any old beam front axle car - in my experience, increased tyre pressures (particularly rear) definitely reduce oversteer and improve straight line stability. Never forget to check tyre pressures before a trip.

John Cockrem also reported that the cross winds made his trip home the worst driving conditions that he has experienced in 50 + years of driving TCs.

T Register Committee

The T register AGM was held at the TC 70th Birthday on 29 Nov. As usual the AGM was chaired by Kevin Leishman, with business confined to election of the new Committee.

John Oliver was elected to the position of T Register Captain. Neil Hawthorne was elected as a General Committee member. The remainder of the Committee members were re-elected. The new Committee consists of

John Oliver	Captain
Bruce Ellis	Treasurer
Rod Cooper	
John Cockrem	
Ralph Stewart	
Robert Stamp	
Neil Hawthorn	

John, and the Committee, extend a huge thank you to our outgoing Captain, Aubrey Paverd, for his 9 years at the helm, a mammoth task, and well appreciated by all. Thanks also to Rene, the captains first mate for her support and willingness to dig in.

TC 70th Birthday

Over 200 people enjoyed a magnificent day at The Briars in Mt Martha where the Cooper clan and staff served a Bouquet BBQ with salad and of course the Birthday Cake.



The TC Birthday bash was well attended with 87 TC's attending in various guises from well maintained original cars, recent restorations (one that had only been registered the week before), partial restorations on trailers, radiator assemblies, and even a couple of knock-ons and a steering wheel, and a couple of ID plates. Cars were well polished and gleaming in the midday sun. Well done all.

I guess many a tall tail was spread as groups gathered, ogled, discussed problems and generally greeted each other, welcomed strangers to the gathering, and enjoyed the Jazz provided by the Total Fire Band.

It was pleasing to see a Number of interstate cars on display and it's encouraging to see that our advertising seems to be working. Mike Sherrell, well known author of "TCs Forever" was even over from Perth.

To commemorate the event, I have produced a **Photo Book** with both individual and group photos of all, as close as I can determine, the TCs that were at the event. The 24 page hard cover book has 92 individual and 9 group colour photos, will be available, at cost, of \$45 plus freight to Melbourne of approx \$4. If you are interested, **please contact myself to order a copy (delivery about 10 days from order).**



3rd January EMR Sandringham to Flinders

Report by Robert Stamp.

The January EMR was well attended with 42 cars starting at the Abbott Street carpark at Sandringham at 7.00 AM for the drive to Flinders for a BYO picnic breakfast. A further eleven cars joined the group at the Flinders beach carpark.

The total of 53 cars included two MX5 and two Rileys and 49 MGs. There was a good representation of 24 T Types with a total of 15 TC's attending. The success of the 70th Birthday meeting at The Briars in November had renewed an interest in the TC owners to use their cars.

There were four Pre War cars, several A's and B's and modern MGs among the remainder of the group. The cool overcast conditions and the strong blustery wind discouraged a long and relaxed stay at the carpark after breakfast. Many of the MG drivers adjourned to one of the café's in Flinders for a caffeine fix before returning home.



Abbot Street carpark at the start



Sharing Beach Road with the cyclists

TF Database

The New TF Database is up and running. Could any TF owners please have a look and check their details . Click on the chassis number and this will give you information on the car. At the moment we are using initials to identify the owner, if you notice any mistakes or if you consent to using your full name rather than initials, or if your car is not listed then please contact Ralph Stewart (via link on the Web page).

Coming events

Friday 15th January Twilight Tour

A short interesting drive to Belle Vedere for dinner. Good food and good company guaranteed. details on T Register website.

Sunday 17th January RACV Great Australian Rally

Not run by the MG CC, but many say that it's an event that should not be missed. Details at www.greataustraliarally.com.au

Sunday 24th January VHCC Rob Roy Hillclimb

Tuesday 26th January Economy Run - Club Championship Round 1

Wednesday 17 February T Register Bi-monthly meeting

Meeting will feature Paul Johnson's recently restored TC

Saturday 20th February Swap Meeting

Run jointly by Restorers and T Registers, at the Clubrooms. Contact Ian Nelson 0411 180 242 for details.

Thursday 25th February PreWar meeting at the Clubrooms

Sunday 6th March PreWar Social Run

11th to 13th March VHRR Phillip Is. "Festival of Motorsport"

7th to 9th October MG TYme in Canberra.

MG TYme is a bi-annual event run by the MGCC Canberra, to celebrate the iconic MG T and Y types. Details are available on www.mgccc Canberra.org.au. Doug Hastie may be organising a group from Melbourne to go up in convoy.

Until next time, enjoy your T Type motoring

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