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ATA Annual General Meeting.

The following were elected:

Chairman - Peter Kerr

Secretary/Treasurer - Carole Cooke

T Register Captain - Norm Richardson

State and Overseas Representatives were all endorsed.



Well done Y Register!

MG Y-TYPE 70TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND – FRIDAY 9 TO MONDAY 12 JUNE 2017

To mark the 70th Anniversary of when the first Y Type sedan rolled off the MG production line, Tony and Debbie Slattery on the Sunshine Coast, QLD, organised a fun filled weekend for MG Y-Type owners.

The weekend is one of two anniversary events being held in 2017, the other is an 'around UK' drive.

This Anniversary weekend was the fourth such event in Australia, following similar events at Mt Victoria, NSW, (50th and 65th) and Maitland, NSW, (60th Anniversary).

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the weekend in my recently acquired 1950 Y Tourer. It only got registered on the Friday before the Y weekend, but I enjoyed the events and the MG Y people from the Eastern states, NZ (Tony and Margaret Bushell - Tony is with Peter Kerr and the Dakota on the inside back cover), USA (Paul & Sara Barrow, from Washington State USA - originally POMS) and South Africa (Dave and Maureen Lawrence). Dave is the author of the Y-Type bible 'Let there be Ys', whilst Paul is the webmaster of the International MG Y-Type Register website <http://www.mg-cars.org.uk/imgytr/> and Tony is the NZ delegate for the IMGYTR. A special thanks goes to Mike Millard, who loaned "Milly" (YA4597) to the event, therefore enabling the international guests to drive a MG Y over the weekend.

The weekend's activities started on Friday afternoon with Registration, meet and greet, welcome dinner and Q&A discussion with the international guests. I started driving from the Gold Coast early Saturday morning, only to have a coolant explosive event on the M1 motorway, just 30 km from home. After the RACQ returned the Y Tourer (YT4310) to my shed, I grabbed my back up vehicle (a 1972 VW beetle) and headed north for the weekend.

Each morning (Saturday, Sunday and Monday) all 33 MG Y types presented together with drivers, navigators and passengers gathered at a central carpark in Nambour and then drove the various winding, hilly and very scenic roads, visiting numerous lookouts where participants had event passports stamped and tried to guess a MGY part enclosed



inside a sealed cloth bag. All items were small and unique to Y types and included a boot lid chain attachment plate, a door stop bar rubber, an under front mud guard wiring harness support bracket, the front number plate bracket, rear axle lower bump stop rubber and plate, a bumper bar to chassis pin, a boot chain clip and a boot MG Badge. The author of this article could only identify a couple of them correctly.

Saturday afternoon saw all 33 Y-Types (the largest gathering of Y-Type cars) formed a large "Y" for the formal photo of the weekend. (See front cover and inside for photos)

Saturday afternoon, saw us descend on the Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club (SCACC) clubhouse for a technical session on clothing of the 1950s, in readiness for the individual period photos on Sunday. Saturday evening was a free night where we could go out on the town.

During the morning pre-run briefing, I took up an offer and opportunity to ride as a rear seat passenger in a Y Tourer. I can advise Y-types may be classed as a four seater, but rear (adult) passengers need to have short legs and if of average height, be able to sit with their knees up under their chins.

Sunday morning's drive took us to the Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Club clubrooms in Maleny, where that Club's members had a display of their vehicles and put on a very large spread of cakes etc for our morning tea. It was during morning tea that we had our only major weather event over the weekend - a short rain shower. A big contrast to elsewhere in SE Queensland and northern NSW.

After morning tea we continued our drive visiting a number of lookouts, we ended up at Kenilworth for lunch. On arrival it was discovered that the extra front hydraulic dampener fitted to YA4189 had sheared the two bolts holding it to the spring pan and was hanging just 7cm from the ground. Luckily the spring pan hadn't started to move in relationship to the A frame arms, as this could have had a dramatic effect in losing the front suspension spring, etc. The dampener was removed and new bolts were fitted, and the car was able to continue on the run after lunch. During the afternoon run "Dunkin" (YA1006), named as it was resurrected from being drowned during the Brisbane Floods, split an oil pipe and had to return home, in disgrace, on a tilt tray.

Afternoon tea (more scones with jam and cream) was at the historic Koongalba Homestead where participants were able to get photos of themselves in period clothing next to their MG Y. It was then back to the SCACC for another technical session, which due to WiFi difficulties didn't happen, and a musical entertainment by one of the participants in his DC3.

Sunday evening was a formal dinner at which the winners of the various awards were named.

Mystery Y Part Champion - Gavin Donahue and Rayleen Galdal

(decided by lucky draw, as over a third of the participants guessed all items correctly)

Lucky Passport Draw - Ewan Ward

Hard Luck Award - Steve and Judy Woods (YA5556)

Restoration Award – Gavin Donahue (YA3530)

Participant's Choice Y Tourer – Bob and Trish Simpson (YT4320)

Participant's Choice Y Saloon – Terry and Rosalind McKenzie (YA4086)

Spirit of the 70th Y-Type Anniversary Weekend – Barbie Kroll (YA4188)

Monday morning was an earlier start (7.30 for a 8am departure) as we were using a carpark adjacent to the Nambour High School as our starting point. Due to the distance travelled to attend the weekend nearly half the participants did not participate today, but headed home, be it to Victoria, Sydney or north to Gladstone or Mackay.

We all inspected and were impressed with Gavin Donahue's A frame set up to tow his Y-Type. A separate wiring harness connects to all rear lights whilst an over-ride braking system activates the Y Saloons brakes. It is all legal. Here Gavin is explaining the set up to Paul Barrow of the USA.

This morning's drive was to Peter and Delia Rayment's residence for morning tea and a look at his collection of MGs and parts. They have 5 running MGs (including 2 T-Types, a Y Saloon and a Tourer) and 4 Saloons waiting for restoration. Peter and Delia have driven their Y's to Perth and Adelaide to attend MG National meetings.



From the Rayment's residence it was a short 10 mile drive to Tony and Debbie Slattery's residence for lunch, catered by the Cooroy Rotary Club. Whilst waiting for lunch we checked out his enormous collection of MG Y spare parts, everything from

special clips to doors. After lunch numerous MG-Y parts and pamphlets, provide by participants, were auctioned off. It was then we all said thanks to Tony and Debbie for a very enjoyable weekend and committed to meet again in 2022 for the 75th Anniversary weekend.

Stuart Duncan

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