

Y TYPE NEWSLETTER

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First, for those still confused over the six cylinder 'Y' Type in Vol.48, issue 4, look at the date of the copy of *Safety Fast!*, (April 1st.) Next, the "Ys In Yorkshire" weekend is not very far away. It is to be over the weekend of 13th to 16th August. Andrew Coulson is busy organising the fine points of such an undertaking, and he is contactable on email CandrewOak@aol.com, (NOTE; the 'A' in Andrew is a capital 'A', my stupid PC keeps changing it to lower case,) phone 01675 600716. July 4th is both American Independence Day, and the MGM Clubs "MG Saloon Day" being held at Coombe Abbey Country Park, Coventry. Anyone interested please contact me at the above. I am also inviting 'Y' Types to the Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway on the 12th September. This is their big steam-up of the year, please contact me if you are attending, for more information.

Welcome to Dave Rowland of Banbury, the proud owner of YB0649.

This month we have Dennis Doubtfire's trip to Australia, followed by Jack Murray telling us all about the Y Type survivors and David Hague's list of regalia. Finally there are two photos of the rear off-side door of two cars. Which is which? A copy of 'Y Type Information' booklet for the first to contact me with the right answer. ●



SYDNEY AUSSIES 'Y'S UP.

For some years now my wife Babs and I have been admonished by Alf Luckman, our friend from Sydney, Australia, for not extending our Far East Holidays just a little bit further; and visit Oz.

So when the time arrived to sort out our 2003 holidays we decided to do just that. I should also explain that for years past we have been bombarded with weather reports extolling the sun, sea and beaches that Oz

can offer. So when choosing the time of year to travel we had masses of information to help us. We decided on Sept/Oct which should have been early spring down under. →



Steve Brompton and his Y



Alf Luckman and his Y Type

deal of natter and banter about Ys and their owners. Great steak salads and booze were prepared by the ladies and served by a 'portly waiter' in a very fetching apron. The day concluded with a presentation to myself of the actual cricket bag used by Aussie cricket captain Mark Taylor on the 1997 Ashes Tour! Memorable.

On the last evening of our stay we were taken to the 'Sydney Tower' revolving restaurant to have a farewell meal and see Sydney illuminated at night. Just great. In conclusion I should like to thank Alf & Dot Luckman and all the members of the Sydney MGCC for making our stay such a memorable one.



Alf Luckman in barbi mode

→The Australians would make great fishermen for as far as the weather goes, they can exaggerate somewhat. What they do not exaggerate is their friendship and ability to make you feel at home.. We were met at the airport at 6.30am by a Y Type welcoming party, which set the seal for one of the most enjoyable weeks of our holidays. It was apparent from the start the great pride everyone has for their city and country, and above all their MGs.

We had so many offers of sightseeing transport around this lovely region that we were spoilt for choice. One special day trip took us around the Royal National Park, (Botany Bay) to Woolagong. On the way was paying a visit to Captain Cooks monument at the spot where he first set foot ashore. This was particularly pleasing as we have ties with the northeast village of Great Ayton where Cook lived in the UK. For this day out we are indebted to Richard Johnson for whom nothing was too much trouble. I am sure that if Richard searches long and hard he will come up with a family tie to the English rugby captain.

No visit to Oz is complete without a 'barbi' and Alf and his band of helpers came up trumps. A total of 18 cars, (6 Ys, 1 MGB GT and 1 ZA) adorned the lawns in front of Alf's house, quite a concours of elegance. The afternoon passed too quickly with a great



Comin McLachlan tinkling under the bonnet of his Y Type

JOHN EDWARDS

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the sudden death of our Register secretary John Edwards.

Although John had become an MG man late in life, he developed a real enthusiasm for Ys when he purchased his first car a few years ago.

We only knew John for a relatively short time but grew to respect and

appreciate his hard work on behalf of the Register. He always showed great enthusiasm, a conscientious approach and a willingness to participate fully in our activities.

His committee friends will greatly miss John's quiet approach and wry sense of humour. His initial shyness masked a warmth and friendliness, which became

progressively more evident as we grew to know him.

We wish to take this opportunity to extend our sympathy to John's wife Janet and his family. He was a good friend, loving husband, proud father and grandfather.

Please note that for the time being, Peter Arnell is acting as Secretary. ●

REGISTRAR'S REPORT TO THE A.G.M. HELD ON 13TH MARCH

All the Register records are held in two formats, a computerised database (using Microsoft 'Access') and the original card index system.

All additions and changes to information held are entered, as received, into both systems.

The information we hold on cars continues to grow and we receive it from several sources, which have been identified for this report. These have taken many forms and include the receipt of survey forms, photographic evidence, information and membership forms received from main club, information from reliable sources (such as owners and other Y enthusiasts) and from our website 'registration form'. We also exchange information with John Lawson's Register on a regular basis.

Once again, our knowledge of Y Types around the world has been enhanced by the success of our website and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and enthusiasm that our webmaster, Paul Barrow, has shown in maintaining the site.

Unfortunately, owners do not always keep us informed regarding changes of ownership or the fate of their cars. Consequently, the accuracy of the information we hold is not always consistent with the current status of individual vehicles. It is possible that, over the period since the Register was formed, some of the cars listed as "live" may no longer be so. On our database, cars are given a "live" designation where information has been received since 1991 (when the Register gained its independence from the T Register). "Live" does not necessarily mean that the car is roadworthy. It may be awaiting or undergoing restoration.

I am pleased to report that there has been an increase in the number of owners who are willing to take part in our "Get You Home Scheme".

For the benefit of the uninitiated, the scheme is not meant to replace membership of one of the many national breakdown services. After all, there is no way that we could possibly compete with the service they are able to offer. It is more a case of Y owners around the country who are prepared to offer a 'Knight of the Road'

service to passing fellow enthusiasts. On a couple of occasions I have come across other owners, who have called out one of the national breakdown services, only to find the patrolman busily filing down a rotor arm to fit an XPAG that has ground to a halt. I have been able to offer a replacement to help both the owner (and the patrolman) to 'get home'.

Joining the scheme simply means that your Christian name, telephone number and the closest town (so that your full name and address cannot be identified from a telephone directory) are circulated to other Y owners who wish to take part.

Our 'survey form' and the website 'registration form', both include an invitation to participate in this scheme. The annual list of those taking part is compiled at the end of each year and is posted along with an entry form for our 'Spring Run' in early January. Membership of the scheme has risen from 59 in 2003 to 71 this year.

If you would like to join the scheme for next year (2005), drop me a line or send an email via our website and I'll add your name to the list. ●

BREAKDOWN OF Y REGISTER DATABASE INFORMATION

Total number of cars held on Y Register database

March 2002	March 2003	March 2004
1,467	1,510	1,560

As can be seen, during the past year we have gained information on a further 50 cars that were previously unknown to the register. We have received this information from the following sources:

Website 40, Main Club 2, Survey forms 5, Other 2

Of the total number of records held, 628 are listed as live, 83 are known to have been broken or scrapped and the remainder await to be classified.

Distribution of cars - Worldwide

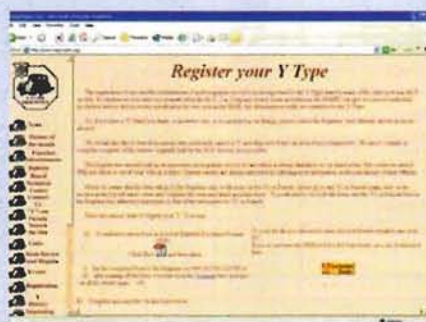
Country	YA	YB	YT	Total 2004
Argentina	1	0	0	1
Australia	246	4	95	345
Belgium	5	0	0	5
Brazil	1	0	0	1
Canada	2	2	16	20
Channel Islands	3	2	0	5
Cyprus	1	0	0	1
Denmark	13	0	0	13
Eire	11	2	3	16
England	399	266	31	696
Finland	2	0	0	2
France	1	0	1	2
Germany	4	3	5	12
Holland	19	12	3	34
Hong Kong	1	1	0	2
India	2	0	2	4
Japan	3	1	2	6
Luxemburg	3	0	1	4
Madeira	1	0	0	1
Malaysia	1	0	1	2
Namibia	0	0	1	1
New Zealand	12	1	4	17
N. Ireland	4	7	2	13
Norway	4	0	0	4
Portugal	2	0	0	2
Scotland	18	12	2	32
Singapore	3	0	2	5
Spain	0	1	0	1
South Africa	36	1	10	47
Sri Lanka	4	0	1	5
Sweden	5	0	0	5
Switzerland	25	1	7	33
Unknown	5	0	8	13
Uruguay	4	0	1	5
U.S.A.	51	31	82	164
Venezuela	0	0	1	1
Wales	24	14	2	40
Total	916	361	283	1560

Distribution of 'LIVE' Cars March 2003

Country	YA	YB	YT	Total
Australia	32	2	38	72
Belgium	2	0	0	2
Brazil	1	0	0	1
Canada	2	1	8	11
Channel Islands	1	0	0	1
Denmark	2	0	0	2
Eire	2	1	3	6
England	144	134	21	299
France	1	0	1	2
Germany	2	1	5	8
Holland	6	5	2	13
India	1	0	0	1
Japan	2	1	1	4
Luxemburg	3	0	1	4
Malaysia	0	0	1	1
New Zealand	3	1	1	5
N. Ireland	2	1	1	4
Norway	1	0	0	1
Scotland	5	3	2	10
Singapore	1	0	0	1
South Africa	4	1	4	9
Sri Lanka	3	0	0	3
Sweden	4	0	0	4
Switzerland	5	1	2	8
U.S.A.	12	9	30	51
Wales	9	3	0	12
Total	250	164	121	535

Distribution of 'LIVE' Cars March 2004

Country	YA	YB	YT	Total
Australia	47	2	50	99
Belgium	3	0	0	3
Brazil	1	0	0	1
Canada	2	1	8	11
Channel Islands	1	0	0	1
Denmark	4	0	0	4
Eire	2	1	2	5
England	160	144	24	328
Finland	1	0	0	1
France	1	0	1	2
Germany	3	2	5	10
Holland	7	6	2	15
India	1	0	1	2
Japan	2	1	1	4
Luxemburg	3	0	1	4
Malaysia	0	0	1	1
New Zealand	4	1	2	7
N. Ireland	3	1	1	5
Norway	1	0	0	1
Portugal	1	0	0	1
Scotland	7	3	2	12
Singapore	1	0	0	1
South Africa	6	1	4	11
Spain	0	1	0	1
Sri Lanka	3	0	0	3
Sweden	4	0	0	4
Switzerland	7	1	3	11
Uruguay	2	0	0	2
U.S.A.	17	11	35	63
Venezuela	0	0	1	1
Wales	11	4	0	15
Total	305	180	144	629



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