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MY TYME 2016 EXPERIENCE

As my newly acquired (6 months ago) MG Y Type Tourer was not roadworthy and I wished to find out what was not original on it, I decided to trailer it to TYme in Canberra 2016.

On getting to Canberra on Friday afternoon, I met up with the other Gold Coasters and after a bit of socialising all of us then proceeded to the Registration and Noggin and Natter across town, in my Pajero towing the Y. TYme attracted over 120 entrants, of which half were from clubs other than the MG Car Club of Canberra.

As Dave Godwin's TA and George Diggles' TC were parked in the hotel basement carpark, I decided on returning to the hotel to park the Pajero and trailer down there as well. After nearly taking out the boom gate, I finally got into the garage. Getting out was more fun as I had to go out through the entrance boom gate due to the layout of the entrance.



Early Saturday morning, saw all of us head across Lake Burley Griffin to the National Museum of Australia where the organisers had arranged for the MGs to be displayed on the Museum's concourse, facing the Lake.

After parking the Pajero and trailer in the Museum car park, I unloaded the Y and drove it (with no brakes or electrics) the 850m to where the display was located. The furthest the Y had been driven in around 15 years. Whilst at the display I met with a 3 x previous owner of the Y, who accompanied me in the drive back to the trailer. It was the first time he had driven in the car he had owned 12 years ago.

A couple of MGs were also parked at the Museum entrance. Signs throughout the Museum directed patrons to the MG display.



On display were 36 Ts and Ys, plus a

contingent of MGBs and MGAs and a few moderns. During the day owners had the opportunity to wander through the museum, take the shuttle bus to Floriade, or chat with other MG owners.

On Saturday evening we again headed across town to the Celebration Dinner, where mementoes were awarded to the owner of the Y and T car which most people wished to take home, the owner who travelled the furthest in a Y or T (Delia and Peter Rayment who drove their YB from Noosa) and the hard luck participant which went to our own Rob Baylis whose TC broke down and was left in Armidale. The evening's guest speaker was Vicki Humphrey, Head of Conservation at the Museum, who gave a very enlightening talk on the difference between conservation and restoration and the work the museum was doing.

Sunday morning saw us head to the Canberra Bus Depot Markets, where the MGs from Saturday (plus a lot more club MGs) were on display and photographed many times by Canberrans, prior to heading off on our drive to Cotter Dam Reserve, via the National Arboretum, for lunch. I didn't take the Pajero, I was a passenger in another Y Tourer.

Overall, I enjoyed the experience of meeting other MG owners, discussing MGs and their mechanics, checking out other Y and T types, taking plenty of photographs and finding out what was wrong with my Y (TC headlights, with upside down lenses, YB MG emblems on hub caps (they are coloured whereas the Y Tourers' were plain) and non-standard driving / fog lights (but were period correct)).



Stuart meets a previous owner of his YT (Rob Chilman)



Would I go again, YES (and drive the Y) and if possible I would like to attend the "MG Y Type 70th Anniversary Weekend" at Maleny in June 2017.

For those interested in numbers, my Y/T has chassis #4310, other Y/Ts present were #4318 and #4320, which we believe were all produced on the same day in 1950, arriving in NSW on 18 August 1950.

Stuart Duncan

MG Y TYPES OR 1 ¼ LITRE SALOON AND TOURER

The MG Y Type is a saloon version of the MG T type, and is very similar mechanically, but has 4 doors and seats 5. The Y Tourer is a 2 door open top version of the sedan and gets confused with T types.

A wooden mock-up known as EX166 (later designated the MG “Y” Series) was developed in 1939 for showing at the 1940 London Motor Show, but due to WWII it did not go into production until 1946/47, and continued until mid 1953 and comprised three models:

- MG Y (1947-1951) – a four door, four seat, six window saloon (later called the MG YA), after the introduction of the mechanically updated MG YB, in 1951;
- MG Y/T (1948-1950) – a two door, four seat convertible (or Tourer); and
- MG YB (1951-1953) – an updated version of the MG Y.

Whereas the T types have a wooden sub-frame / tub under the metal, the Y has very little wood.

A total of 8336 Y Type cars were built (YA 6131; YT 904; and YB 1301) by MG in Abingdon, United Kingdom. It is believed that only 215 Y/T survive worldwide, 69 in Australia.

The Y Type:

- is a car of the late 1930s;
- has a box chassis under the all metal body; the TD chassis was developed from the Y Type;
- was the first MGs to utilise rack and pinion steering and independent coil-and-wishbone front suspension which continued to be used by MGs until the demise of the MGB in the 1980s;
- the Y Sedans have octagonal instruments (with no Tacho) which were continued in the TF, whilst the Y Tourers used the TC instrument layout, with the speedo in front of the passenger;
- has a 1250cc, 4 cylinder XPAG engine, producing 48 bhp (Y Saloons) and 54.5hp (Y/Ts) and a maximum speed of 115 kph; which was used previously in the 1939 TB and also used in the TC, TD and early TF,
- saloons used only a single 1¼“ SU carburettor, whilst the Y/Ts had twin 1¼” SU carburettors like the T Type cars;

- has a 4 point Smith's Jackall (hydraulic) system which can be used to lift the front, rear or the whole car off the ground to enable the changing of tyres; and
- the YA and YT have a rear axle locating Panhard rod; and the YB has a front anti-roll-bar.

The Y Tourer was specifically designed for Export.

FORTY YEARS AGO -

A poem written for the 40th Anniversary of GCMGCC

Now 1976 is a very interesting year,
 Lots of things invented and houses not too dear.
 26 thousand would buy a Brisbane house,
 But 6 thousand is all you earned even with some nouse.
 Barry Manilow wrote and sang 'I write the Songs',
 While 'Happy Days fans wore jackets like The Fonz.
 Robert di Nero said 'Are you talking to me?,'
 While the serial 'Blue Hills' never again would be.
 Fraser was our P.M. and Gough sure needled him,
 Refugees from Vietnam meant many names were Kim!
 The Melbourne Cup was won by a horse call Van Der Hum,
 And Terry Lewis and his gang to power they did come.
 Apple was invented by a bloke called Steven Jobs,
 And lesbians and gays fought for rights in mobs.
 Nadia Comaneci did 7 perfect scores,
 And Princess Marg and Tony forever closed their doors.
 Brett Lee was born and Philippousos too,
 The Blues Brothers reigned supreme and the band U2.
 The first platinum record was awarded to The Eagles,
 While kids still loved ABBA and ne'er forget The Beatles.
 Forty years ago the first Concorde flew among the stars,
 And the U.S. space ship Viking landed safe on Mars.
 The Premier of N.S.W. was 'Nifty' Neville Wran,
 While with old Joh in Queensland, everything was banned.
 CFCs were proven to harm the Ozone layer,
 Cricket very popular, but not yet the great one day-er.
 Benedict Cumberbatch was the sexiest man - who knew?
 But wait! 40 years ago Bruce Corr was 52.....
 What was most important for the likes of you and me
 Was that inaugural meeting of GCMGCC.

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