



The Classic 'Y'



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EDITORIAL

I had some interesting feed-back in relation to my editorial in the last issue concerning lack of material for *TCY*; surprisingly, this included some support for my on-going wariness towards all things "Internet". It has also been suggested to me that I might publish *TCY* only as and when sufficient material is available to, say, produce a six- or eight-page newsletter. Well, this "irregular" basis of publication has been tried before. Between February 1995 and February 1997, *TCY* was published on an "irregular" basis. My inspiration came from the practice of the M.G. Vintage Racers of America, whose excellent technical newsletter is published only as and when sufficient new information or relevant news comes to light. I had high hopes for this experiment, but soon found that, although no complaints were received, it became obvious that subscribers might wonder whether or not they had missed an issue (either because their subscription had expired, or the Royal Mail had "lost one"), or when they might expect to receive the next one. Proceeding on this basis confused me too, somewhat, and was not, in addition, very good for cash-flow. So, this practice was abandoned and I went back to the usual posting dates: 20th of February, April, June, August, October and December. Quarterly publishing has also been suggested to me, and I see no serious flaws in this suggestion and will keep it in mind. But, conversely, if I had sufficient material and no other commitments, I would regard monthly publishing of a newsletter as the ideal.

Some of us in the Y-Type world have been a little battered this year. After a bit of a nightmare year, I had my (admittedly minor) operation on 16th September and that seems to have gone very well. Full of vigour once again, I then promptly fell on some early black ice on 19th November and went down hard - knocked some sense into me, maybe! Neil Cairns was knocked off his bicycle by a car in June and sustained a catalogue of painful injuries; but he now seems to have recovered completely, thank goodness. And recently I learnt that Dennis Doubtfire, Neil's predecessor at the M.G.C.C., had had a stroke earlier this year - he has recovered too! So, might we all please now enjoy a quiet and healthy Christmas and a

better year next year? We hope so, and that goes for all you, too, out there in the wider world.

I learn that YB/0772 ("NGT400") has recently been purchased by Mr. J.G.Murray of [REDACTED] West Sussex (no relation to our own Jack Murray, presumably!). This car has lived in Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire in recent years and in 1995 was resprayed from Old English White to Maroon.

Below, you will find a list of books & magazines that I am keen to dispose of. If anyone has a surplus-to-requirements (i.e., you are just about to throw it out because you think it is obsolete) decent, reliable computer of "Windows '98" vintage, plus, maybe, a compatible ink-jet printer, I would be very willing to swap large quantities of surplus motoring and aviation literature for such a system. I'd like to improve the print quality of this newsletter, for a start...

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BOOKS & MAGAZINES (relevant to Y-Types) FOR SALE

BOOKS

M.G. TD owners' handbook	Moss (California)		
	(repro' of AKD618 [6th Edition])	(1955)	
M.G. Midget TA-TF 1936-55	Autobooks Ltd.	1972.	
M.G. Midget TA-TF 1936-55	Autobooks Ltd.	1976.	
M.G. by McComb	Osprey	1978.	F.W.McComb
The T-Series M.G.s - A Collector's Guide			
	Motor Racing Pub'ns.	1980.	G.Robson
M.G. TF Super Profile	Haynes/Foulis	1984.	J.Edwards
Original "T" Series	Bay View Books	1989.	A.D.Clausager
Rallying in a Works M.G.	Magna Press	1997.	L.Shaw

MAGAZINES

"THE SACRED OCTAGON" (N.E.M.G.T.R., U.S.A.)

1975: Dec'; 1978: Dec'; 1979: Jun', Dec'; 1981: Aug'; 1982: Apr', Oct', Dec'; 1987: Oct'; 1989: Apr', Jun', Oct'; 1990: Oct'; 1992: Apr', Aug', Oct', Dec'; 1993: Feb', Aug', Oct', Dec'; 1994: Jun', Oct'; 1995: Feb', Apr', Jun', Aug', Oct'; 2003: Aug'.

Please feel free to make an offer on any or all of the above, and include an adequate sum in respect of postage and packing, if applicable. "Buyer collects" is also a possibility - please enquire.

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