



The Classic 'Y'



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EDITORIAL

Thanks to Mike Silk (for the computer), and Mrs. Lillian Richardson (for the printer), we now have (hopefully) better print quality for this and future newsletters.

REGISTER NEWS

A *TCY* subscriber from many years ago, Roy Taylor of Chesham, Buckinghamshire, recently wrote to tell me he'd acquired the YB, "RVW761". This car previously belonged to Jerry Birkbeck, who organizes rallies for the M.G.C.C.'s "Y" Register. Unfortunately, Jerry never-told me this car's chassis number, so I cannot include it here. Roy Taylor also owned YB/0874 in the past, and may still do so.

I was speaking to a motoring literature dealer recently who told me that a friend of his had owned the Y-Type, "UMG50". Said friend had (unfortunately) just "bought the car for the registration number". Well, I have the number "UMG50" as being on Y/3443, a 1949 "YA", last heard of in Hampshire. The *Octagon Bulletin* of December 1996 (p.22) apparently has some history on the car.

YB/0481 ("UMG665") which is thought to have been bought by M.G. Rover from the B.M.I.H.T. at Gaydon (see *TCYs* 176 & 179) apparently has many non-YB parts in its current make-up, and no front seat ashtrays.

Spares Wanted

Rear window blind, together with all fittings (i.e., operating cord, pulleys, ring and securing knob). Contact: Mr. Roy Taylor, [REDACTED], Buckinghamshire, [REDACTED].

L e T t e R S

Dear John,

I have a bee in my bonnet about mobile 'phone use whilst driving. The other day my wife pointed out that I use hand signals on my ancient 1953 B.S.A. motorcycle, and that I cannot possibly have "proper control" of the machine with my right arm stuck out, especially as that hand operates the front brake (which on all old bikes is far superior to the rear). I also use hand signals in towns from my driver's door window in my YB, to back-up the semaphores. I need to wind down my window, carry out the signal, then wind the window up again, all taking quite some time; possibly as long as a short mobile 'phone call. So, am I any better than they? But I am operating within the rules of the Highway Code, but am driving or riding one-handed to do so! I use hand signals whilst on my cycle as well, and again am riding one-handed. I suppose at least I am concentrating on my riding/driving, unlike a mobile 'phone user, but the law used to prosecute them is that of "proper control whilst driving". I am sure I am not the only "Y" user who uses hand signals.

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