



THE CLASSIC 'Y'

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EDITORIAL

There have been some important developments since the appearance of the last issue. First of all, two useful articles on Y-Types have appeared in other magazines. 'Thoroughbred & Classic Cars' for April contains a two page review of the delights, pitfalls and special problems associated with owning a Y-Type and gives some interesting, if suspect, production data. 'Enjoying M.G.' (Spring Edition), the magazine of the M.G. Owners' Club, contains an article by Y owner Peter Davis plus photo and magnificent drawing by A.Morgan. I am at present negotiating with Mr.Morgan for reproduction rights for 'The Classic Y' and the acquisition of a quantity of these fine prints for sale to members. Meanwhile, photocopies of these articles can be sent with your next magazine, if you so wish. Prices: 'T&CC' 25p ; 'Enjoying M.G.' 40p, both from the editorial address.

Whilst on the subject of the M.G.O.C. I must thank their secretary, Roche Bentley ([redacted]) and of course Tony Brier for all the help being given to us. Mr.Bentley has said that all Y-Type Register members will be allowed to have access to M.G.O.C. facilities such as discounts, recommended insurance brokers and special offers etc whether they join the M.G.O.C. or not. However, I would strongly recommend this club to all members. As a result of this most generous offer I am beginning in this magazine to list all M.G.O.C. Y-Type related recommended suppliers and services etc.

We are also beginning to finalise the production of photocopies of Workshop Manuals. I know one or two of you who want copies but will anyone who hasn't mentioned this to me and who wants one please let me know so that I can gauge demand. If demand the M.G.O.C. are going to help out whereas if we only need less than say half-a-dozen, member Brian Griffin has said he may be able to supply these (for YB's).

I must also thank Chris Ravenhall, editor of the 'Octagon' magazine for the extensive publicity he has given us in the March issue of his magazine. This, added to what I have said above, leads me to believe that the Y-Type is at last beginning to get the recognition it deserves.

How would you react to a photo competition ? This would be based on the submission of a photo of your car to the editor. Member Mike West thinks it a good idea and even suggests some

of you London orientated members meeting for a photo-session. I'd certainly like to see photos of other Y-Types. Reactions to me please. And the same goes for the prospective supply of windscreen stickers bearing our emblem (didn't know we had an emblem, did you?). Chris Williams has suggested this and has designed an emblem. Again these can only be ordered after possible demand has been estimated.

Finally, let me outline plans for future issues of this magazine. Present financing limits the magazine to only three sides and given the huge backlog of information now held it will take quite some time to publish everything. This, I am not particularly worried about at present as, I promise you, everything will appear in time. At the time of writing there are lots of 'Register Extracts' to catch up on and I have also been sent some excellent articles. So, have faith, at least this state of affairs assures 'The Classic Y' a long life.

8th April 1978.

M.G.O.C. Recommended Suppliers & Services.

Part I.

Insurance:

- a) Penton Insurance Brokers Tel: 01-889-5566
- b) Carroll, Radford, Holder, Betts Ltd.,
61-63 Crutched Friars, London EC3N.2DD
Tel: 01-488-4634 (ask for Mr. Gregory, Motor Dept.)

Spares:

- c) Mr. Roger Parker. Tel: Lichfield: 55179.
- a) N.T.G. Services, 21 St. Margaret's Green, Ipswich.
- b) Moto-Build, 128 Hounslow, Middlesex.
- c) Lambs of Woodford Ltd., Woodford, London E.18.
- d) Premier Motor Co., Gallows Corner, Romford, Essex.
- e) The Weald Group, Sunnyside House, 16 Kit Hill Ave.,
Walderslade, Chatham, Kent.
- f) University Motors, Hanwell, Middx., & Balham, S. London
- g) Octagon Sports Cars, 19-21 Grosvenor Park Road,
London E.17.
- h) Toulmin Motors, 103 Windmill Road, Brentford, Middx.
- j) Wadham Stringer Parts Fayre, 120-132 Camberwell Rd.,
London S.E.5.
- k) T. Spencer, 189 Buryfield Road, Solihull, Warks.
- l) Kimble Engineering, 8 Painswick Road, Hall Green,
Birmingham.
- m) Major Autos, Old Bedford Road, Luton, Beds.
- n) Downham Auto Spares, 446 Bromley Road, Downham,
Kent.
- p) Langley Motor Spares, St. Dunstons Hill, Sutton.
- q) Chester Motor Accessories, Hatton Service Station,
Whitchurch Road, Hatton Heath, Nr. Chester.
- r) Braid Bros., Conway Road, West End, Colwyn Bay.

Filters/Shock

Absorbers:

- a) Motorist's Discount Stores, Ley Street, Ilford,
Essex.
- b) Lambs of Woodford Ltd. (as above).
- c) Premier Motor Co. (as above)
- d) The Weald Group (as above)
- e) Carl Rosner Automobiles, Station Garage, Station
Approach, Sanderstead, Surrey.
- f) P.W.G. Services, 12 Pantheon Road, Chandlers Ford,
Eastleigh, Hants.
- g) Moto-Build. (as above).
- h) G. Mott, 1 Albany Crescent, Edgware, Middx.
- j) Clares Motor Works, 260 Knights Hill, West Norwood,
London S.E.27.
- k) Partsmart, 46 Park Road, Crouch End, London N.8.
- l) Leytonstone Motors, Leytonstone High Road, London,
E.11

REGISTER NEWS:

Additions:

<u>Chassis No.</u>	<u>Year.</u>	<u>Type.</u>	<u>Reg'n No.</u>	<u>Engine No.</u>	<u>Owner's Name.</u>
Y 4162	(details as for 'Y 4612' on page 3. of March issue - typing error !)				
Y/T/EXR.4452	1950	YT	KYX 185	XPAG/TR/14283	G.F.Lebbon.
Y 5978	1953 ?	YA/YB	288 PPF composite ?	XPAG/SC/1584* (b.91836)?	N.van Straten.
Y 6522	1950	YA	UMG 253	XPAG/SC/53041	C.Williams.
Y 6557	1951	YA	NKN 311	XPAG/SC/16418	C.Williams.

We now know of 79 existing Y-Types and full information is held on 22 of them. These 79 can be grouped as follows:

YA: 34 YB: 21 YT: 9 YA/YB Composite: 2
Precise sub-type as yet unknown: 13.

Precise production figures (according to an article in the April '78 edition of 'T&CC') are:

YA: 6,158 YB: 1,301 YT: 877 Total : 8,336.

By subtracting 251 from their car's chassis number members therefore will be able to work out what number car theirs was off the line. For instance, YB1544 is only 9 from the end of the line ! However, owners of Y6785; Y6557 and Y6522 are likely to get a shock. According to T&CC your cars weren't produced ! Perhaps the total of 8,700 as shown on page 3. of the February issue of 'The Classic Y' is nearer the mark.

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(YT)

Mr. J. Harvey.

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North Devon.

(YT)

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London, S.W.3.

(YB)

Mr. B. Bray,

Lancs.

(YB)

Mr. B. Griffin,

Bristol.

(YA)

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W. Yorks.

(YB)

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Salop.

(YB)

Mr. C. Vossa,

Surrey

(YB)

Mr. P. Cole,

Salop.

(YB)

Mr. C. Dye,

Sussex.

(2 x YA)

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(YB)

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MEETINGS:

For members in the South-East, Paul & Maggie Grafham suggest that meetings could be held at 'The White Blackbird', Loudwater, High Wycombe, Bucks (just off the A.40). The first Wednesday of each month would seem to be the best night. All those interested are invited to ring High Wycombe (0494) 40744 and talk to Paul & Maggie.