

THE CLASSIC 'Y'

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EDITORIAL:

Following my visit to New York in late June (which you'll be reading about in the coming months) we now have a U.S. East Coast Chapter of the Register as well as the West Coast Chapter I referred to last month. The East Coast Chapter will be run along similar lines to its West Coast counterpart by Walter L. Genter whose address can be found on the last page of this magazine. Something Walter and I discussed when I was over there was the demand by U.S. members for used parts and spares at reasonable prices. We feel that this is a service not properly provided by the Register at present. Often, certain spares can be obtained in the U.K. from cars which are being scrapped for spares, where as the same parts are virtually unobtainable in the U.S.A., Canada and Australia etc. Thus, and I intend this to apply equally to British members, from now on, instead of 'parts wanted' being published in the magazine, I will list parts wanted by members and we will try and obtain them. Only if after a long period of time are we not able to obtain and supply the parts will the requirements be published in the magazine. More about this next month, too.

Recently two events took place at which the Y-Types of John Sanderson (Y 5729) and Allan McCormick (YB 0762) attended. The first, on June 27th, was the school summer fair organised by Graham Eaton and held at Retford, near Doncaster. Graham, I know, would like to thank John and Allan for making the effort and attending. A good time was had by all with a chance to examine someone else's 'Y' and exchange experiences. The same two 'Y's and their owners attended the 2nd Annual Veteran, Vintage & Classic Car Rally at Maghull, Merseyside on 18th July and this time I went along to meet Allan McCormick and his black YB for the first time. Allan's car is 'black with red interior' and having seen the precise shade of the red interior in this very original and low mileage car I am having my doubts as to whether the 'maroon' interior in the SunBronze/Maroon combination and the 'red' interior in the Black/Red combination were in fact two different shades.

Incidentally, Allan points out that if you buy a Unipart battery it's guaranteed for as long as you own the car. So if, like me and many others, you're never going to part with your 'Y', it's not a bad deal - so, what's the next question !!

Finally, John Sanderson, at [REDACTED], Cheshire, [REDACTED] has one photocopy of a YA Workshop Manual (incl YT Supplement) for sale at £10 plus postage.

31st July 1981.

REGISTER NEWS:

Just a word of explanation for new members. This column details cars which have recently come to light and which are, in the main, still in existence.

Chassis No.	Year.	Type.	Reg'n No.	Engine No.	Owner's Name.
Y 0296	1947	YA.	AUN-844 (US) HTD 193 (UK)	XPAG/SC/10050	H.C.Giffen III.
Y 1366	1948	YRC.	SG-46684 (Swiss)	XPAG/?/11113	E.Kengelbacher.
Y 1367	1948	YRC.	?	XPAG/?/11115	?
Y 1380	1948	YRC.	?	XPAG/?/11144	?
Y 1637	1948	YA.	AI-4721 (Swiss)	XPAG/SC/11417	F.Keller.
Y 1805	1948	YA.	?	XPAG/SC/X11571	E.A.Moss.
Y 2675	1949	YA.	49 MGYA (US)	XPAG/SC/X12589	F.Oliver.
Y 2687	1949	YA.	JFF-393 (Ausl)	XPAG/SC/X12597	G.R.Martin.
Y/T/EXR 3299	1949	YT.	MG-822 (Ausl)	? XPAG/TR/13188	?
Y/T/EXR 3301	1949	YT.	?	XPAG/TR/13196	?
Y 3363	1949	YA.	BYG 111 (US)	XPAG/SC/LHX12469	T.Autrey.
Y/T/EXR 3425	1949	YT.	421 EPW	XPAG/TR/13282	C.Green.
Y/T/EXR 3915	1949	YT.	GM-135 (Ausl)	XPAG/TR/13849	G.R.Martin.
Y 3930	1950	YA.	-	XPAG/SC/X13650	G.R.Martin.
Y/T/EXR 4372	1950	YT.	?	XPAG/TR/14022	R.A.Baldwin.
Y 4681	1950	YA.	?	XPAG/SC/X14347	A.Roberts.
Y 4754	1950	YA.	MHY 895	XPAG/SC/14551	R.L.Pile.
Y 6105	1950	YA.	?	XPAG/SC/16210	M.Lloyd.
Y 6215	1950	YA.	?	XPAG/TR/13325	D.Randles.
Y 6271	1951	? YA.	UMG 203	?	S.C.Davis.
Y 6326	1951	YA.	UU-339 (Ausl)	XPAG/SC/16099	S.C.Whitechurch.
Y 6506	1951	YA.	-	XPAG/SC/X16302*	G.R.Martin.
Y 6698	1951	YA.	WS-565 (Ausl)	XPAG/SC/16472	P.Gostelow.
Y 6774	1951	YA.	MG-564 (Ausl)	XPAG/SC/X16551	P.Christou.
Y 6783	1951	YA.	MKA 933	XPAG/SC/16546	D.G.Green.
Y 7166	1951	YA.	UMG 508	XPAG/SC2/16998	ex-P.H.Scott.
YB 1084	1953	YB.	MUF 312	XPAG/SC2/17975	P.H.Scott.
YB 1189	1953	YB.	MG 165	XPAG/SC2/18075	R.Wadsworth.
YB 1431	1953	YB.	FES 268	XPAG/SC2/18330*	ex-I.Smart.

* engine no longer fitted.

Hank Giffen's Y 0296, 'Penelope' is the oldest car known to be in existence and has the oldest surviving engine.

Total cars on the Register as at 10th July 1981: 633.

Made up as follows: YA: 294 YB: 126 YT: 141 YRC: 3

Composites & Specials: 3 Unknown (mainly saloons): 66

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

New Members:

- 362. Mr.E.Seagrave, [redacted], Connecticut, [redacted].
- 364. Mr.D.Gazzard, [redacted], N.S.W., [redacted], Australia.
- 365. Mr.D.Ardill, [redacted], N.S.W., [redacted], Australia.
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- 367. Mr.E.Kengelbacher, [redacted], Lichtenstein.
- 368. Mr.K.Barnes, [redacted], Queensland, [redacted].
- 369. Mr.J.Goguen, [redacted], New Hampshire, [redacted].
- 370. Mr.M.Reichenbach, [redacted], Rhode Island, [redacted].
- 372. Ms.E.Tarr, [redacted], Virginia, [redacted].
- 374. Mr.R.Trexler, [redacted], Pennsylvania, [redacted].
- 375. Mr.W.Stokes, [redacted], N.S.W., [redacted].

HCT, held every May at Morro Bay, California, has become a yearly weekend event for West Coast MG 'T' Type enthusiasts. HCT stands for Hearst Castle Tour. The first event held back in 1975 included a tour of the magnificent mountain top treasure trove retreat of the late newspaper tycoon, William Randolph Hearst. The weekend get together hosted by the Special 'T's (car club) has become so popular that it has been repeated every year. HCT is the opening of the touring season for many classic and vintage owners. Many MG clubs are represented and some participants drive their old MGs over 1000 miles to attend the Morro Bay gathering.

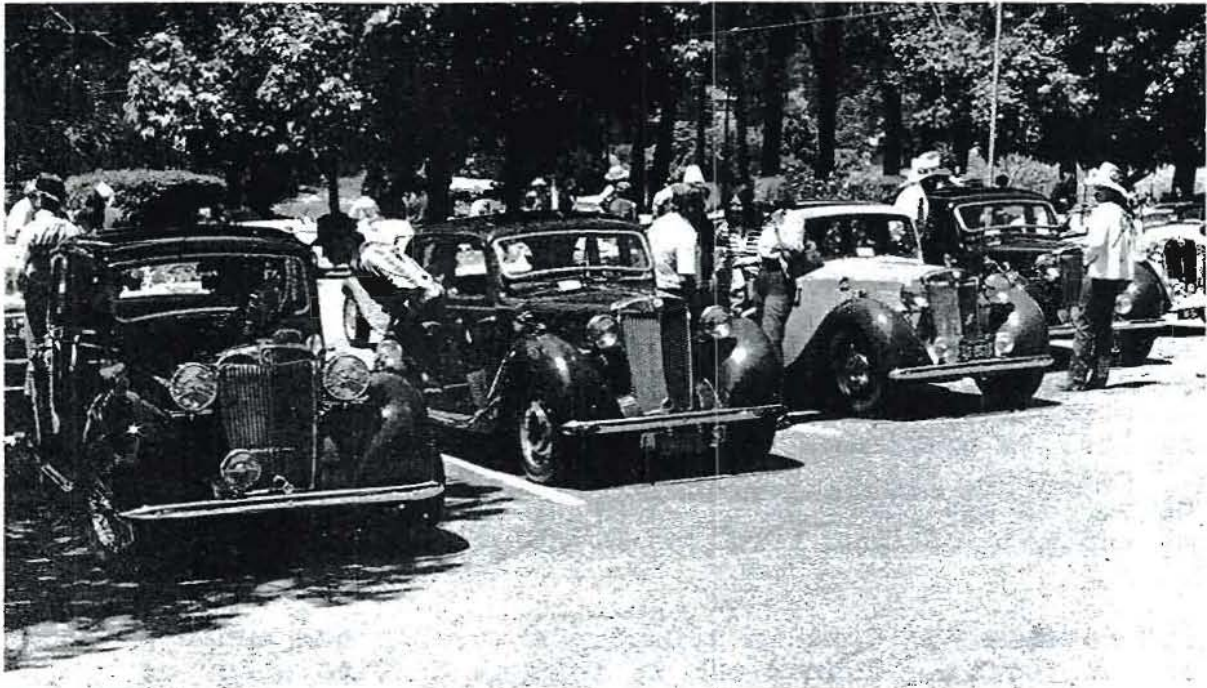
Some MGs other than TCs, TDs and TFs usually show up at HCT but none are as readily accepted by the 'T' Type enthusiast as the MG 'Y' 1½ litre Saloon. This years gathering saw four 'Y's in attendance. Al Moss, former owner of Moss Motors Ltd. (a prominent supplier of 'T' Type and other MG parts) brought his beautifully restored, black, supercharged, wire wheeled car. Rod Schweiger and Fred Oliver of the Sorry Safari Touring Society (car club) left their TD and TF home and motored down from San Francisco each in their recently acquired 'Y's.

The most notable 'Y' Type in attendance was the one owned by John Autry of Southern California. John's car is left hand drive which he bought in original condition up near the Canadian border. The car was built at the factory as a LHD and the speedometer is calibrated in KPH. We may then assume that this car was special ordered for the continent and not North America. This should lay to rest the question as to whether LHD 'Y's were ever built. John's car is also notable because it has been flawlessly restored. The body is perfection, finished in Dupont Imron (epoxy aircraft paint) and the complete interior (excluding headliner) has been reupholstered in Connolly hides. John has taken many awards at MG functions, GoFs and concours. I think that John must feel that the car has really won everything because he is now enjoying driving this beauty.

Saturdays activities at HCT are; a rallye, followed by a car display and then a mechanics contest. A banquet dinner is held on Saturday night. Sunday morning starts with a continental breakfast, followed by a driving tour of the area. A speed event is held in the parking lot of the tours destination. It's called a slalom. The slalom was well planned and is great fun to put an MG through and then compare your time with others. The 'Y's performed quite respectfully in this event because success depends on handling and driver finesse not brute power.

We of The Sorry Safari Touring Society, hope that when John Lawson (or any 'Y' Register members) makes a trip out West soon, that he will allow time in early May to attend our HCT and perhaps even our big GoF West. GoF stands for Gathering of the Faithful- an annual pre 1956 MG owners event.

ILLUSTRATIONS TO ROD SCHWEIGER'S ARTICLE ON PREVIOUS PAGE



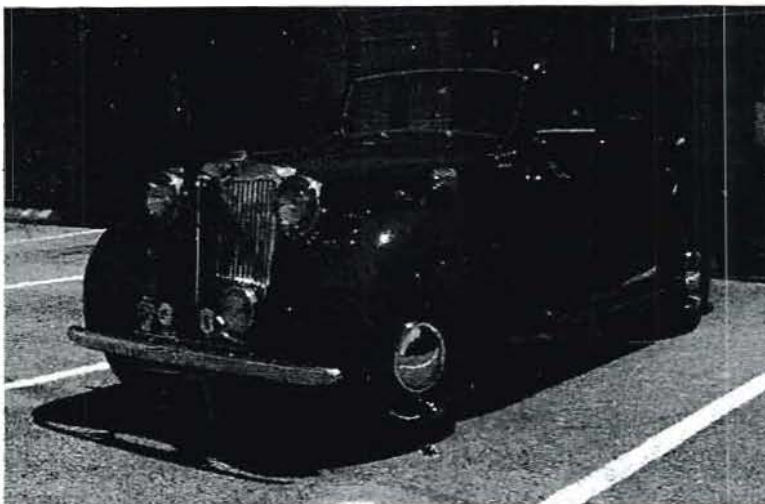
ROD SCHWEIGER



TORY SKOPECEK

Above: Y-Type line up at Morro Bay, left to right Al Moss's Y1805, Rod Schweiger's Y4880, Fred Oliver's Y2675 and John Autrey's Y3363.

Y1805. Black 1948 YA belonging to Al Moss, car is fitted with super charger, 15 inch chrome wire wheels and YB rear wings.



TORY SKOPECEK

John Autrey's L.H.D. YA finished in maroon epoxy enamel.

Photographs by Rod Schweiger and Tory Skopecek of the U.S. West Coast Chapter.

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'M.G. 1250cc engine fully reconditioned. Suitable for TD or YB. Also gearbox for YB and manifold for YB. Highest offers. Tel: [REDACTED], Kent [REDACTED]'.

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