



## THE CLASSIC 'Y'

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### EDITORIAL:

More information has come to light over the past few months on chassis numbers and chassis number presentation. From Tom Boscario comes this breakdown of year-by-year Y & YT production:

1947:	Y0251	to	Y1150
1948:	Y1151	to	Y2208
1949:	Y2209	to	Y4239
1950:	Y4240	to	Y6284
1951:	Y6285	to	Y7285

I have checked this with our records and it appears to fit with all the information we have. Secondly, the front cover of the YT Parts List (reproduced by the New England 'T' Register Ltd) shows the following different chassis number groups:

Y/T	RHD for Home market	Speedometer in MPH
Y/T/EXL	LHD for Export	Speedometer in KPH
Y/T/EXR	RHD for Export	Speedometer in MPH
Y/T/EXR/K	RHD for Export	Speedometer in KPH
Y/T/EXL/M	LHD for Export	Speedometer in MPH
Y/T/EX(U)	LHD for USA	Speedometer in MPH

Up until the time I bought a copy of the Parts List I had assumed that all YT's were either 'Y/T/EXR' or 'Y/T/EXU'. Now I know that the situation is more complex than this and there is even such a thing as a U.K. market YT (I think we have at least one on the Register).

I've also discovered (by paying closer attention to my YB Parts List) the truth about painted v. all-chrome headlamps (as regards YB's anyway). The situation was:

YB 0251	to	YB 1239	had painted backs (same colour as car) and chrome rims.
YB 1240	to	YB 1552	had all-chrome headlamps.

I hope you all liked the photos last time. Their reproduction is in the hands of John Sanderson and I think he does a superb job, one which lends a little more sophistication and interest to the magazine. There are photos this month too!

Ever heard of a 'GOF' or wondered what it was? I did. I knew that GOF's were rallies held in the United States which hundreds of beautifully restored T-Types and their owners attended but I didn't know what the initials stood for until recently. The Gathering Of The Faithful is aptly named for M.G. fans in the United States exhibit a profound, sincere and devoted enthusiasm for the marque M.G.

I was lucky enough this June to be invited by Walter Genter of [REDACTED], New York to visit him for a week and attend the 32nd GOF organised by the New England M.G. 'T' Register Ltd which was held in the sumptuous surroundings of the Playboy Great Gorge Resort & Country Club, McAfee, New Jersey.

For the purposes of this Y-orientated report I will leave out much mention of the hundreds of beautifully restored T's, P's (and a Z) which attended. Suffice it to say that if you like other M.G.s besides the Y then this is for you. It's quite an overwhelming experience. Before we drove down for the GOF from Walt's home, just under one hundred miles away, I was shown his beautifully restored YT which he rebuilt entirely himself from a total wreck and which won first place in the Premier Class (top prize taking in all the T's as well!) at a GOF a couple of years ago. There are so few restored YT's in England that seeing this car was an education. Walt can answer most queries on the Tourer, he made drawings for the sidescreens and had them made up and he rewired the car by amalgamating a TC wiring diagram for the instrument panel with a YA diagram for the rest of the car.

And so to the GOF. We drove down on the first day of this four-day show in Walt's YB from his home to the Playboy Club. The journey took nearly two hours at about 55 mph and the car behaved perfectly. It was loaded with five people (Walt's family) and luggage. That evening and the next day many cars arrived and other Y-Type owners we met were; Tom Boscarino (who organised the GOF), Mike Ash, Richard Boudrais, Jim Goguen (of Abingdon Spares Ltd), Hank Giffen, Mel Reichenbach, Richard Trexler, Charles Faulkner and Les & Susan Polgar. On the Friday there was a 'Regalia Sale' where I acquired three copies of the YT Parts List!! We also met Mike Lewis from near New Orleans, who was hoping to buy a YT and who told us he knew of several more Y's in that area. Tom Boscarino revealed that he knew of six YT's in South Africa and he has a lot of information on this particular sub-type. Al Moss of California, Hank Giffen and Mike Ash have insisted that I stop referring to 'YAs' as the official designations were Y, YB and YT. This is true and it is something we mentioned in an early issue of the magazine, however I think that most people in the U.S. would become confused at this stage if we were to start referring to YAs as 'Ys' - so remember please, 'YA' is just an unofficial designation.

The Friday had been cool (55°F), overcast and somewhat windy. For the main day of the show however, the Saturday, the temperature climbed back up to its usual mid-eighty figure and I quickly got sunburned as we were outside all day with the cars. Hank Giffen and his wife arrived in their brown and beige Y 'Penelope' early in the day and this car was soon confirmed to be the oldest one we know of on the Register (Y 0296). Les and Susan Polgar arrived from Connecticut in 'Harriet' (Green 1949 Y, Y 2677) and stayed a few hours before heading home. We held a Y Seminar in the shade of some trees behind our cars at 12.30 that day. This was a very pleasant gathering indeed. The topics we covered were:

- (i) Formation of the U.S. East Coast Chapter of the Register.
- (ii) Acquisition of parts in England from cars which are being scrapped and shipment of parts to Walt in New York for onward distribution. We need a trustworthy and enthusiastic member in England to take this on but failing any volunteers, yours truly will have a go.



- (iii) Acquisition of cars in England for shipment and sale in the U.S.A. and Canada. A healthy demand for decent examples was exhibited at the show.

At the flea market were parts of Y 3393 (doors in good condition, rear window glass and wooden window surrounds in poor condition) and also those fabulous bolt-on chrome wire wheels were there - reduced to \$1,000 per set of five - I still can't afford them !!

Finally, we 'got hold of' a couple of gorgeous bunnies to photograph draped over our cars. There were many hands suffering from 'camera shake'! A memorable weekend, then. Where else could you see an English brick auctioned for \$25 - it was a rather special one, though.

Why can't we have a Y-Type GOF in the U.K.? Why aren't we, in the main, as enthusiastic? I have to say this - coming back to England seemed most depressing. I will try not to let this magazine become totally American in content over the coming months !

#### Forthcoming GOF's

30th July to 2nd August 1981:	GOF West '81	Spokane, Washington.
September 1981	GOF Mk. XXXIII	Virginia Beach, Virginia.
August 1982	GOF West '82	Santa Barbara, California.

For details of the Virginia Beach event, contact Mike Ash, 5149 Bellamy Manor Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23464, USA. A good turn-out of Y's is expected at this event.

J.G. Lawson.

#### AUSTRALIAN IMPORTS PART XII

##### First owners.....

Y 1009	G.H. Arthur	Y 1856	Barclay Motors
Y 1000	M.E. Cropley	Y 1874	R. Demley
Y 0977	Barclay Motors	Y 1872	E.R. Glashien
Y 1092	Barclay Motors	Y 1873	D.H. Williams
Y 1091	Capt S.J. Bendall	Y 1869	H.B. Selby & Co.
Y 1065	Les Baddock Pty Ltd.	Y 1937	Barclay Motors
Y 1066	Barclay Motors	Y 1870	Barclay Motors
Y 1049	Barclay Motors	Y 1935	Barclay Motors
Y 1089	B.M. Rome	Y 2415	Barclay Motors
Y 1038	G.M. MacPherson	Y 2458	Barclay Motors
Y 1059	K.M. Wilson	Y 2805	Barclay Motors
Y 1063	B.W. Finigan	Y 2837	Barclay Motors
Y 1096	Barclay Motors	Y 2804	Barclay Motors
Y 1060	Barclay Motors	Y 2907	Barclay Motors
Y 1057	W.H. Hancock	Y 2923	Barclay Motors
Y 1056	Barclay Motors	Y 2926	Barclay Motors
Y 1064	Barclay Motors	Y 3015	Barclay Motors
Y 1036	Barclay Motors	Y 3220	Barclay Motors
Y 1032	L. Alderson	Y 3269	Barclay Motors
Y 1001	Barclay Motors	Y 3199	Barclay Motors
Y 1098	Barclay Motors	Y 3235	Barclay Motors
Y 1047	W.W. Forsyth	Y 3367	Barclay Motors
Y 1537	W. Wilkins	Y 3577	Barclay Motors
Y 1465	H.T. Moore	Y 3790	Barclay Motors
Y 1871	Barclay Motors	Y 3854	A.W.P. Hodges

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The oldest car on the Register, "Penelope", belongs to Hank Giffen (chassis no. is Y0296).



The three 'Y' Types which attended the New Jersey "GoF". Front to rear:  
Y0296 Hank Giffen  
Y81099 Walter Genther (wearing the octagon)  
Y2677 Les & Susan Polgar



"Harriet" (Y2677) which is owned by Les & Susan Polgar of [REDACTED] Connecticut.

*Photos by John Lawson.*

Y 3853	E.Roberts	Y 3884	A.Marshall
Y 3883	A.J.Wagg Pty.	Y 3885	R.S.Ward
Y 3931	R.S.Ward	Y 3847	Barclay Motors
Y 4304	Barclay Motors	Y 4636	Barclay Motors
Y 4681	R.S.Ward	Y 4689	Barclay Motors
Y/T/EXR 4614	Barclay Motors	Y/T/EXR 4222	Barclay Motors
Y/T/EXR 4373	Barclay Motors	Y/T/EXR 4121	Barclay Motors

Credit: Australian T-Series Association & D.H.Miller.

And so we begin a list of 'Y' Types sold by Ron Ward's of Strathfield, Sydney. First we'll cover those cars sold new and then those which were sold 'second-hand'....

Chassis No.	Engine No.	Ext.Colour	Int.Colour	Reg No.	Date Sold.
Y 0770	XPAG/SC/X10524	Grey	Red	XL 734	9.4.48
Y 0810	XPAG/SC/X10574	Grey	Green	XC 335	20.2.48
Y 0830	XPAG/SC/X10522	Grey	Green	XF 446	6.3.48
?	XPAG/SC/X10529	Grey	Green	XB 801	2.48
Y 0942	XPAG/SC/X10579	Grey	Green	XP 587	2.4.48
Y 0977	XPAG/SC/X10802	Grey	Green	XJ 323	24.3.48
Y 1001	XPAG/SC/X10774	Grey	?	YD 966	17.7.48
Y 1002	XPAG/SC/X10775	Grey	Green	XJ 028	3.3.48
Y 1007	XPAG/SC/X10782	Grey ?	Green ?	XS 352	30.4.48
Y 1036	XPAG/SC/X10743	Black	Beige	ZF 382	30.11.48
Y 1049	XPAG/SC/X10897	Black	?	YF 022	29.7.48
Y 1056	XPAG/SC/X10898	Black	Beige	YU 216	15.10.48
Y 1060	XPAG/SC/X10899	Black	?	YB 974	13.7.48
Y 1064	XPAG/SC/X10873	Black	Beige	XV 352	5.6.48
Y 1066	XPAG/SC/X10879	Black	?	XT 213	21.5.48
Y 1089	XPAG/SC/X10843	Black	?	YH 838	6.8.48
Y 1092	XPAG/SC/X10878	Black	Red	XO 025	23.4.48
Y 1096	XPAG/SC/X10835	Black	Beige	XV 350	5.6.48
Y 1098	XPAG/SC/X10840	Black	Red	XX 548	18.6.48
Y 1856	XPAG/SC/X11688	Black	Red	ZN 115	13.1.49
Y 1870	XPAG/SC/X11624	Black	?	ZW 123	21.3.49
Y 1871	XPAG/SC/X11644	Black	Beige	ZS 088	10.2.49
Y 1935	XPAG/SC/X11722	Maroon	?	ZV 656	2.3.49
Y 1937	XPAG/SC/X11658	Maroon	?	ZY 637	23.3.49

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