



THE CLASSIC 'Y'

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Register Movements

First "NEW DISCOVERY" of this year is Ian Hazell's Y6852 (which has been allocated Register No.425). Engine number of this 1951 car is XPAG/SC/16658 and it is registered "UMG 473". Colours are Almond Green with a beige interior.

Mention was made in the last "Register Movements" column of Mr.Brendan O'Hara from the Republic of Ireland and, wouldn't you know it, it is indeed a very small world as far as "Y" Type enthusiasts are concerned, for that gentleman's name surfaced once again soon after in connection with our next "NEW DISCOVERY". It seems that 1949 YT, Y/T/EXR 2744 (Register No.1033), presently owned by Mr.M.D.Silk of [REDACTED], started life in the ownership of Mr.O'Hara. Mr.Silk has owned this car since 1971 and imported it into the U.K. in 1973. Dr. Brendan O'Hara, then of Co.Offaly, was its first owner, but he only owned the YT for some nine months, it perhaps being a disappointment to him as far as performance was concerned. It was alleged to have been the only new car he ever owned. In 1972, Mr.Silk drove the YT in a race for M.G.s and other old cars at Mondello Park - and Dr.O'Hara also took part in the same race - in a Fiat Ballila special. Regrettably, the YT retired from the race with damage to its big end bearings, having led on handicap. Was this the only occasion on which a YT was raced? Y/T/EXR 2744 has engine no. XPAG/TR/12665, is registered "IR 4304" and is currently red with a beige interior (it was originally black). Restoration is under way.

We do seem to be spending a lot of time in Ireland in this column lately (and in the magazine as a whole considering the photos of Nick Murray's cars which have featured in the last couple of issues) - and why not? Well, here we go again, for I recently had a letter from Paul Timmons of [REDACTED] Dublin, about his wife's 1950 YA, Y4738 (Register No.237). Now, this is a well-travelled "Y", for it was exported to Victoria, Australia originally and was first heard of as belonging to a Mr.A.Carpenter of Mitcham in the late seventies. It was with Mr. & Mrs.Timmons in Madrid, Spain, by 1991 and has recently been imported into Eire with the registration number "ZV 5855" being allocated. Interestingly, although the original engine fitted was XPAG/SC/14493, in Australia the car acquired a 1,489 cc. Australian "B" Series engine, 15WAULA 9535, (out of an Austin Lancer?).

Paul Timmons also gave me some very interesting information about a YB he'd come across in [REDACTED]. A "NEW DISCOVERY" for us is YB0271 (now allocated Register No.1058). It is owned by Mr.John Nugent and has engine no. XPAG/SC2/X17234. This engine designation, of course, hints at the fact confirmed by Mr.Nugent that the car was originally exported by Abingdon in CKD form to the Irish assemblers, Booth Pooles of Dublin.

In fact, YB0271 was one of a pair of YBs ordered by the Talbot Garage, Trinity Street, Wexford. YB0271 was registered "ZR9", and the other car was "ZR8". YB0271 had headlamps with painted backshells, whilst "ZR8" had all-chrome ones.

Finally, for this issue, yet another "new" YA has turned up. Y4797 (Register No.764) belongs to Mr.P.Head from [REDACTED], West Midlands. It is, of course, a 1950 car and is registered "LGJ 301", but its engine number is XPAG/SC/X14545, so I wonder where this car was exported to originally?

Elsewhere in this issue you will find our traditional February review of the state of the Register, plus we go on to look at the existing 1949 cars worldwide....

LETTERS:

Dear Mr.Lawson,

Thank you for giving me a mention in the October issue of "TCY". Very interesting to read that another two of "my" cars have emerged.

I wonder whether a programme of the 1993 Regency Run has reached you? (no! - Ed.). If so, you will be prepared for what I am about to tell you. I have owned "UMG 624" for more than 32 years and we have successfully completed the ten Runs, but my proudest moment came when I received my Souvenir Programme, for there, on the front cover spread, was the old girl in Madeira Drive! I was absolutely over the moon!

There were 434 cars lined up at Brooklands, coming from far and near, and when I think of the old YB being on all those programmes, I have the feeling that she has become immortalised. I bought two extra programmes, but they were quickly snapped up by friends. I am wondering if it is still, or whether it ever was possible to purchase a copy of the original print from the M.G.C.C.?

Lionel Morriss,

[REDACTED]
Essex,
[REDACTED]

(Well, how about it? Can anyone help Mr.Morriss?)

THE M.G. 'Y' TYPE REGISTER

<u>Annual Summary of Important Statistics</u>	1994	1993
YAs on the Register (of which 13 are left-hand-drive)	640	631
YBs on the Register	248	249
YTs on the Register	217	216
YRCs on the Register	3	3
Specials/Composites on the Register	13	13
Unknown (mainly saloons) on the Register	55	63
 Total number of cars on the Register	 1,176	 1,175
Positively identified	1,160	1,103
Unsubstantiated Rumours	16	72

Cars identified by chassis number:

1947	61	58
1948	97	88
1949	268	251
1950	188	181
1951	94	89
1952	84	77
1953	96	95
 TOTAL	 888	 839

Number of cars in each country: (36 countries)

England	549
Australia	298
U.S.A.	115
Republic of South Africa	48
Scotland	29
Wales	17
Canada	14
Switzerland	13
Eire	12
New Zealand	11
Denmark	9
Netherlands	9
Northern Ireland	9
Singapore	5
Belgium	4
Channel Islands	3
Thailand	3

Two cars in each of the following countries: Madeira, Japan, Malaysia, Germany, Malta, Portugal, Luxembourg, India and Norway.

And one car each in: Zimbabwe, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Colombia, Macau, Namibia, Austria and Finland.

REPORT ON ANNUAL REGISTER STATISTICS

Once again, much contrary to expectations, many "new" "Y" Types have turned up in the past twelve months. The discovery of the bulk of these has been down to Tony Slattery and his Australian "Y" Type Register. All but one of the new discoveries have been allocated Register numbers from what was, last year, called the "Potential Reallocations" list. This has been renamed above as "Unsubstantiated Rumours" to more properly describe what it contains. As you can see, the numbers of these "rumoured" "Y"s has been very much reduced this year and consequently this will probably be the last time that such an entry appears in the February review of statistics. During the coming year I fully expect to re-allocate the remaining sixteen Register numbers and then start numbering new discoveries at the top of the range (with 1177) again. I am also very conscious that nowadays in Britain a registration (or licence plate) number is not such an unchanging indication as to the identity of a particular car as it used to be back in '78 when the Register was started.

John Lawson.

"Y" TYPES KNOWN TO EXIST WORLDWIDE - Pt.III

1949

Y 2260L	Amsterdam	Neth	Y/EXL	a LHD YA.
Y 2270T	NSW	Australia		
Y 2300	NSW	Australia		
Y 2311	Worcestershire	England		
Y 2313	Somerset	England		
Y 2314	Surrey	England		
Y 2332	S.Australia	Australia		
Y 2367	Virginia	USA		
Y 2371T	S.Australia	Australia		
Y 2375	?	USA ?		
Y 2389T	Rustenburg	RSA		
Y 2399	New Delhi	India		
Y 2401	Victoria	Australia		
Y 2402	W.Australia	Australia		
Y 2412	NSW	Australia		
Y 2413	Queensland	Australia		
Y 2425T	Bloemfontein	RSA		
Y 2431T	?	?		
Y 2437	Victoria	Australia		
Y 2456L	?	Portugal	Y/EXL?	a LHD YA.
Y 2459	Worcestershire	England		
Y 2467T	Bulawayo	Zimbabwe		
Y 2472T	Somerset West	RSA		
Y 2492	Hastings	NZ		
Y 2504T	S.Australia	Australia		
Y 2506T	Indiana	USA		
Y 2509T	Massachusetts	USA		
Y 2529	Westville	RSA		
Y 2532	Hampshire	England		
Y 2548T	New Delhi	India		

Y 2554	Kent	England	
Y 2582T	Westville	RSA	
Y 2587T	Boksburg	RSA	
Y 2596T	S.Australia	Australia	
Y 2598	Merseyside	England	
Y 2600	Essex	England	
Y 2617T	Hertfordshire	England	
Y 2618T	W.Australia	Australia	
Y 2620T	NSW	Australia	
Y 2627T	NSW	Australia	
Y 2645	Alva	Scotland	
Y 2657T	?	USA	
Y 2659T	New York	USA	
Y 2664T	Dyfed	Wales	
Y 2675	California	USA	
Y 2677	Connecticut	USA	
Y 2685	Victoria	Australia	
Y 2687	NSW	Australia	
Y 2703T	?	Australia	
Y 2710	Essex	England	
Y 2716	-	Singapore	
Y 2735T	Massachusetts	USA	
Y 2738T	Br.Columbia	Canada	Y/T/EX(U)
Y 2739T	Ontario	Canada	Y/T/EX(U)
Y 2740T		Switzerland	
Y 2744T	Yorkshire	England	
Y 2745T	Cork	Eire	
Y 2772T	Maryland	USA	Y/T/EX(U)
Y 2779T	Hawaii	USA	Y/T/EX(U)
Y 2780T	Stockerau	Austria	Y/T/EX(U)
Y 2788	ACT	Australia	
Y 2795	Victoria	Australia	
Y 2813T	W.Australia	Australia	
Y 2814T	California	USA	
Y 2817T	S.Australia	Australia	
Y 2834	Victoria	Australia	
Y 2836	NSW	Australia	
Y 2851T	Ohio	USA	
Y 2853T	New York ?	USA	Y/T/EX(U)
Y 2868	S.Australia	Australia	
Y 2883T	NSW	Australia	
Y 2886T	Oklahoma	USA	
Y 2893	NSW	Australia	
Y 2906	Victoria	Australia	
Y 2934	Clwyd	Wales	
Y 2953	NSW	Australia	
Y 2967	Natal	RSA	
Y 2998	Pretoria	RSA	
Y 3030T	Massachusetts	USA	Y/T/EX(U)
Y 3062T	?	RSA	
Y 3069T	W.Australia	Australia	
Y 3072T	Florida	USA	
Y 3073T	Florida	USA	
Y 3074T	New York	USA	Y/T/EX(U)
Y 3075T	Ohio	USA	Y/T/EXL
Y 3095	ACT	Australia	
Y 3102	Co.Dublin	Eire	
Y 3105T	Ontario	Canada	Y/T/EX(U)
Y 3106T	Ontario	Canada	Y/T/EX(U)
Y 3107T	Pennsylvania	USA	
Y 3117	Queensland	Australia	
Y 3119	Vantaa	Finland	

Y 3120	W.Australia	Australia	
Y 3130	S.Australia	Australia	
Y 3137	NSW	Australia	
Y 3143T	?	USA	
Y 3144T	Massachusetts	USA	Y/T/EX(U)
Y 3156L	Marslet	Denmark	Y/EXL a LHD YA.
Y 3173T	Florida	USA	
Y 3177T	Ontario	Canada	
Y 3181L	Fredericia	Denmark	a LHD YA.
Y 3184	W.Australia	Australia	
Y 3186	Victoria	Australia	
Y 3187	Victoria	Australia	
Y 3190	NSW	Australia	
Y 3192	NSW	Australia	
Y 3200	Hampshire	England	
Y 3204	Queensland	Australia	
Y 3205	Victoria	Australia	
Y 3208T	W.Australia	Australia	
Y 3209T	W.Australia	Australia	
Y 3213T	Georgia	USA	
Y 3218	Victoria	Australia	
Y 3230	Victoria	Australia	
Y 3234	NSW	Australia	
Y 3254T	Maine	U.S.A.	Y/T/EX(U)
Y 3285T	Ontario	Canada	Y/T/EX(U)
Y 3286T	Essex	England	
Y 3287T	N.Carolina	USA	Y/T/EX(U)
Y 3288T	Co. Cork	Eire	
Y 3290T	Ceres	RSA	
Y 3294T	W.Australia	Australia	
Y 3296T	NSW	Australia	
Y 3299T	NSW	Australia	
Y 3300T	W.Australia	Australia	
Y 3301T	NSW	Australia	
Y 3302	NSW	Australia	
Y 3312	Queensland	Australia	
Y 3316	Worcestershire	England	
Y 3324	Queensland	Australia	
Y 3335T	?	England ?	
Y 3336T	Glos.	England	
Y 3342T	Br.Columbia	Canada	
Y 3343T	New York	USA	
Y 3349	Queensland	Australia	
Y 3360	W.Australia	Australia	
Y 3363L	California	USA	a LHD YA.
Y 3374T	Derbyshire	England	
Y 3377T	?	USA	
Y 3387T	Victoria	Australia	
Y 3391T	?	Singapore	Thought to be prefixed simply "Y/T"
Y 3392	Queensland	Australia	
Y 3393	?	USA	
Y 3403	Victoria	Australia	
Y 3407	Queensland	Australia	
Y 3410	Bedfordshire	England	
Y 3412	Yorkshire	England	
Y 3414	Victoria	Australia	
Y 3425T	Gwynedd	Wales	
Y 3428	Tasmania	Australia	
Y 3429T	Victoria	Australia	
Y 3430T	Cape Town	RSA	
Y 3432T	S.Australia	Australia	
Y 3436T	Boechout	Belgium	Y/T/EX(U)
Y 3441T	?	?	
Y 3443	Hampshire	England	

Y 3444	Cornwall	England	Y 3863T	Queensland	Australia
Y 3449	Victoria	Australia	Y 3871T	S.Australia	Australia
Y 3452	W.Australia	Australia	Y 3915T	NSW	Australia
Y 3453	Victoria	Australia	Y 3926T	?	Australia
Y 3458	NSW	Australia	Y 3930	NSW	Australia
Y 3459	Kent	England	Y 3935	NSW	Australia
Y 3462	Co.Dublin	Eire	Y 3947	Aberdeen	Scotland
Y 3463	Victoria	Australia	Y 3960T	Co.Wicklow	Eire
Y 3465T	Alberta	Canada	Y 3965T	Oberwil	Switzerland
Y 3470T	?	England	Y 3966	NSW	Australia
Y 3471T	NSW	Australia	Y 3969T	?	Australia
Y 3479T	?	Australia	Y 3974T	NSW	Australia
Y 3480T	?	New Zealand	Y 3975T	NSW	Australia
Y 3498	Victoria	Australia	Y 3981	Cheshire	England
Y 3504	Victoria	Australia	Y 4017T	NSW	Australia
Y 3509T	Connecticut	USA	Y 4024T	Queensland	Australia
Y 3519T	S.Australia	Australia	Y 4037	NSW	Australia
Y 3523T	Kent	England	Y 4040	NSW	Australia
Y 3524T	S.Australia	Australia	Y 4054	Victoria	Australia
Y 3534	W.Australia	Australia	Y 4055	Victoria	Australia
Y 3540	Cumbria	England	Y 4060T	NSW	Australia
Y 3552	Victoria	Australia	Y 4061T	NSW	Australia
Y 3560	W.Australia	Australia	Y 4067T	NSW	Australia
Y 3569T	?	England ?	Y 4100T	?	?
Y 3578	NSW	Australia	Y 4119T	Victoria	Australia
Y 3581T	NSW	Australia	Y 4120T	Victoria	Australia
Y 3582T	NSW	Australia	Y 4122T	Caithness	Scotland
Y 3590T	S.Australia	Australia	Y 4125L	Spottrup	Denmark
Y 3601	NSW	Australia	Y 4129T	?	USA
Y 3604	W.Australia	Australia	Y 4142	Merseyside	England
Y 3611	W.Australia	Australia	Y 4144	New Jersey	USA
Y 3620T	Br.Columbia	Canada			
Y 3623T	Queensland	Australia			
Y 3626T	Worcestershire	England			
Y 3629	Victoria	Australia	Y 4146	Victoria	Australia
Y 3633	N.Territories	Australia	Y 4161T	California	USA
Y 3661T	Hammarisdale	RSA	Y 4162T	Harderwijk	Neth
Y 3663	Victoria	Australia	Y 4167T	NSW	Australia
Y 3667T	?	Japan	Y 4168T	?	USA
Y 3681	Lancashire	England	Y 4170T	Victoria	Australia
Y 3698	NSW	Australia	Y 4175T	?	?
Y 3700T	Victoria	Australia	Y 4176T	Rhode Island	USA
Y 3706T	Queensland	Australia	Y 4186T	Queensland	Australia
Y 3737T	Victoria	Australia	Y 4187	Queensland	Australia
Y 3738T	S.Australia	Australia	Y 4188	Queensland	Australia
Y 3741T	Victoria	Australia	Y 4189	Queensland	Australia
Y 3749	Fife	Scotland	Y 4216	NSW	Australia
Y 3752	Victoria	Australia	Y 4217T	?	USA
Y 3755	Queensland	Australia	Y 4219T	Iowa	USA
Y 3776	Suffolk	England	Y 4220T	Birrwil	Switzerland
Y 3779T	NSW	Australia	Y 4223T	Victoria	Australia
Y 3781T	NSW	Australia			
Y 3790	NSW	Australia			
Y 3808	Leicestershire	England			
Y 3810	Victoria	Australia			
Y 3811T	S.Australia	Australia			
Y 3819T	?	England			
Y 3823T	Victoria	Australia			
Y 3826T	NSW	Australia			
Y 3841	Victoria	Australia			
Y 3842	Queensland	Australia			
Y 3844	W.Australia	Australia			
Y 3846	Victoria	Australia			
Y 3861T	NSW	Australia			

Y/T/EXL

a LHD YA.

All YTs are thought to be prefixed "Y/T/EXR"
except where otherwise noted.

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