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NEWS AND VIEWS.....

Well we broke the record! As our picture shows no less than 8 D Types attended PreWar Prescott on July 16th (the previous record was five - at Silverstone in 2006). As Bill tells me this represents about 12% of all survivors so is probably the largest gathering of them since the war! From left to right: Bill Grayling's D0253, Pete Chapman's D0295, Digby Gibb's D0377, Gerry Annetts' D0489, My D0311, Colin Murrell's D0285, Mike Jakeman's D0427, and the late Jim Hodges D0464 from the USA now in my care. The weather was very kind and in all about 200 cars attended of which some 55 were MGs.' The right crowd and no crowding' was certainly the order of the day and a real garden party atmosphere prevailed. See you there next year? (Saturday July 22nd 2017).

Can't resist including these 2 shots of two of the Ds actually on the hill (from the master MG photographer Colin Murrell!!) Gerry and son in D0489 and Pete and Janet Chapman in D0295.



Good to see in The Triple M Register 2015 Yearbook, which came out in July, 4 D's in the Car of the year Table - and a couple of pictures in earlier pages. From the June/July edition of the Triple M Register Bulletin we learn that Chris Edmundson in D0442 (to C Type spec.) had a good outing in Triple M Races at Brands Hatch in May.

We were well represented in the Triple M Ulster Tour by Mike and Jean Jakeman in D0427 and for a picture of them with a 'Game of Thrones' backdrop see our Facebook page. Many of you may have seen/ followed our Facebook page; but if not it can be found by searching on 8/33 MG Midget Sports Series D rather than D Group. Well the last entry on it before

Prescott showed Carlo Smitz's D0360 winning the 'Best Restored Car' at a show in Luxembourg in early July. The judges included two of Pebble Beach fame and one of those was also the FIVA President! Go to Facebook and see 6 pictures of the car at the event. Our website page continues of course www.mgdgroup.org; if you have a more recent picture of your car than that shown on the 'Survivors' please send it to me.

ROLLING ROAD.....



Remember back in Dispatch 45 in 2014 I took D0311 to a recommended SU chap in Cheltenham and found he had a rolling road and came away with some positive results. (Mech Repairs www.rollingroad.co.uk). Well two more Ds have been there both with very good results. Our picture shows proprietor Brian

working on D0427 the day before PreWar Prescott and the week before that D0489 had been there and had a number of minor issues sorted giving good results.

BITS AND PIECES.....

Remember back in Dispatch 48 mention of the radiator cap 'spanners' being marketed by Moss for T Types. Well we have a small batch of our own at a modest £6.50 each (which includes UK postage) and pictured here.



They are laser cut. Very useful and good to keep in the under bonnet tool box. Email or ring if you would like one. Overseas post at cost.

I know quite a few people would like to use the original Petrolift in their car (if you don't already!) but they can be notoriously unreliable. Well in the next edition we may have some good news about an electronic conversion. Watch this space and keep an eye on our facebook page.

D TYPE FOR SALE.....

At the time of writing D0352 is still for sale. No doubt you all saw my email; here is a picture reminder. Further pictures on our website and full details on the Triple M Register website, both under cars for sale.

