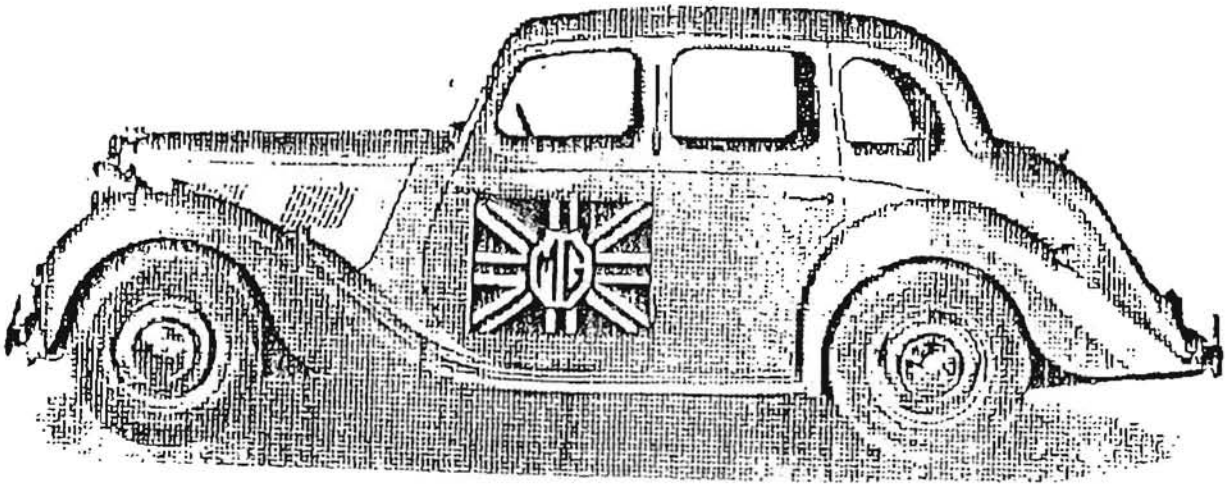

THE CLASSIC 'Y'

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EDITORIAL

This month's editorial looks like it's going to end up a good deal longer than usual because, perhaps surprisingly after twelve years, news continues to flood in to me from around the world about 'Y' Types we have not heard of before. And the number of active Register members has scarcely ever been higher. Several members have written to me to keep me up to date on how their restorations are coming. Eric Peacock from Tollesbury, Essex is busy building one good YB out of the best part of five 'Y' Types! He has various spare chassis, engines and many other surplus parts to dispose of. David Mullen has full details of these if any of you wish to purchase anything and brief details of the chassis are to be found on the last page of this newsletter under 'Cars for Sale'.

Rocky von Dullen and Mike Lewis who come from the New Orleans area have a YB and YA respectively. Rocky writes..."the chassis/powertrain is finished. Only the rusty body remains! I am going to put dual 1½" S.U.s with a TD/TF intake/exhaust system on the car. I've also kept all the original carb/intake/exhaust system. Mike and I put an AEG122 equivalent camshaft and big valves in the engine during rebuild so it's best to 'let it breath' better than the single S.U. would allow. It's .060" overbore (1310cc). I guess it's good for 60bhp. I'm also investigating a set of TF hubs and brake drums for wire wheels. Mike has such a set for his TF now, so we may try his on the YB first to see how it looks - I'd guess it will resemble a VA. Do you know of any source for detailed drawings of body and trim parts? Neither the Workshop Manual nor the Parts Lists shows these." This last point is something that was highlighted by another of our members recently. We have never really had a good comprehensive article on interior re-trimming etc as relating particularly to 'Y' Types? Can anyone help?

You may recall that in our August issue we had a photo of Lesley Hodgson's 'YA' in Denmark. Well, not long after the Hodgson family returned from a trouble-free run around Denmark, the 'YA' was involved in crash which tore one of its front wheels off and left it on its side. Fortunately, Mrs. Hodgson and her eight-year-old were able to escape through the sunroof with nothing more serious than bruises. The 'YA' is going to be rebuilt.

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Talking of Denmark, more left-hand-drive 'YA's have turned up; four in Denmark and another in the Netherlands. Bjarne Berner from Glamsbjerg, Denmark sent me photos of his two-tone maroon and black example and one of these photos might find its way into the newsletter in due course. That makes around ten LHD 'YA's in all, I think, worldwide. Mel Fry, our Australian contact, would like to know whether anyone can tell him the reason for the small hole in the top of the differential housing on some YTs/'YA's. He says..."it is not threaded and is approximately 11/64" in diameter. The hole is 160mm from the centre of the differential housing on the drivers' side (RHD car). Could it be a breather?"

In this issue of 'The Classic Y', you'll find a listing of books etc I have for sale; something different for the Christmas period, perhaps. These are items I've accumulated over the last twelve years or so and I thought that it was about time I passed them on to interested members so that they might learn as much from them as I have.

Some of you may have heard that the New England M.G. 'T' Register (in the U.S.A.) are planning a trip to the U.K. for their members next summer. The plan is to ship a hundred or so 'T' and 'Y' Types over and then drive them around Britain to what looks like quite a gruelling schedule between 3rd and 23rd July. The route is to be: Liverpool - Bath - Penzance - Exeter - Beaulieu - Abingdon (for almost a week's stay) - York - Edinburgh - Inverness - Glasgow - Lake District - Liverpool. There could be half-a-dozen or so 'Y' Types coming, maybe more....

And last, but certainly by no means least, a good friend of mine, Mr. Reg Weeding of Farnborough, Hampshire has offered to check over members cars for them. He says..."should any member like any checks done on his/her car and care to call at my address below, I will be only too pleased to accommodate and talk cars and, who knows, maybe supply a cup of tea or coffee. I cannot help from a practical point of view with bodywork repairs but am willing to discuss them. All I ask is that the member needing help first telephones me on: [redacted] before he or she wishes to call around. I am willing to adjust engines to the correct specification of tune and will do this free for any member. I am enclosing a map (below) of how to find my house [redacted], Hampshire, [redacted]):

[redacted]

I do not mind answering any technical questions (not questions on the history of the cars) from members direct." Reg spent a lifetime in aircraft engineering at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough.

It only remains now for me to wish all our readers a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and safe 1990.

Register Number 1000

Chassis Number	Y1958
Engine Number	SC/X11740
Licence Plate	n/k
Body Number	1629/1739
Sub-Type	YA
Year of Manuf'	48
Owner's Name	Lucouw K
Owner Number	970
Car Location	Pretoria RSA
Exterior Colour	Maroon/Black
Interior Colour	G

Register Number 1056

Chassis Number	Y2019
Engine Number	SC/X11763
Licence Plate	TCO2261
Body Number	1783/1796
Sub-Type	YA
Year of Manuf'	48
Owner's Name	Classic Car Connectn
Owner Number	971
Car Location	Benoni RSA
Exterior Colour	t/t Green
Interior Colour	-

Register Number 1057

Chassis Number	Y2063
Engine Number	SC/X11806
Licence Plate	FGW618T
Body Number	1810/1825
Sub-Type	YA
Year of Manuf'	48
Owner's Name	Fenn C
Owner Number	972
Car Location	Kempton Park RSA
Exterior Colour	Cream/Brown
Interior Colour	N

Register Number 624

Chassis Number	Y/EXL/2260
Engine Number	SC/LHX/12086
Licence Plate	TG17-31
Body Number	1942/1969
Sub-Type	YA
Year of Manuf'	49
Owner's Name	Kemmerling B
Owner Number	976
Car Location	Amsterdam NETH
Exterior Colour	EGrey/SGreen
Interior Colour	G

Register Number 1059

Chassis Number	Y/EXL/3156
Engine Number	SC/LHX/12492
Licence Plate	n/k
Body Number	n/k
Sub-Type	YA
Year of Manuf'	49
Owner's Name	Berner B
Owner Number	978
Car Location	Denmark
Exterior Colour	Black/Maroon
Interior Colour	-

Register Number 951

Chassis Number	YT4776
Engine Number	TR/14626
Licence Plate	PSU543
Body Number	n/k
Sub-Type	YT
Year of Manuf'	50
Owner's Name	Bryant DJ
Owner Number	967
Car Location	Hampshire ENG
Exterior Colour	Black
Interior Colour	N

Register Number 1055

Chassis Number	Y5165
Engine Number	XPAG/9325
Licence Plate	KNR164T
Body Number	3928/3901
Sub-Type	YA
Year of Manuf'	50
Owner's Name	Kirkland T
Owner Number	958
Car Location	Kempton Park RSA
Exterior Colour	t/t Blue/Sil
Interior Colour	N

Register Number 788

Chassis Number	YB1397
Engine Number	SC2/88422?
Licence Plate	4914H
Body Number	7004/1216
Sub-Type	YB
Year of Manuf'	53
Owner's Name	King GR
Owner Number	969
Car Location	E.Sussex ENG
Exterior Colour	Shires Green
Interior Colour	N

'Y' TYPE etc BOOK SALE

WORKSHOP MANUALS

M.G. 'YA' Workshop Manual
(Good quality photocopy of 1952 issue,spiral bound with green card covers)
£10.00

M.G. YB Workshop Manual
(Original 1958 issue - greenish-yellow 'BMC' covers)
£15.00

M.G. YB Workshop Manual
(Unbound photocopy of 1958 issue on green paper)
£ 7.50

M.G. TC;TD;TF;TF 1500;MGA Service Manual
(MGOC reproduction,spiral bound with white card covers)
£10.00

M.G. TA/TB/TC/TD/TF/TF1500 Midget
(Autopress Ltd original. Red covers. 1972)
£ 7.50

Morris Eight Series I,II,E & Z Information Manual
(Morris Register publication. 1980)
£ 7.50

OWNERS' HANDBOOKS

Morris 10/4 Series 'M'
(Morris Motors Ltd original. 1939)
£10.00

Morris 8 Series 'E'
(Morris Motors Ltd original. 1939)
£10.00

M.G. 'YA' (with YT supplement)
(Unbound photocopy of 1951 issue)
£ 6.00

M.G. 'YA'
(Good quality reproduction from U.S.A. Bound in red card covers similar to original)
£ 7.50

M.G. 'YA'
(Tatty original. 1951)
£ 8.50

M.G. YB
(Unbound photocopy of 1952 issue)

£ 5.00

PARTS LISTS

M.G. YT Parts List Supplement
(Good quality reproduction by NEMGTR of U.S.A. Nuffield Exports Ltd 1949 issue)

£ 5.00

M.G. 'YA'
(Spiral bound photocopy of 1951 issue, with purple card covers)

£12.50

SALES BROCHURES

M.G. TD & 'YA'
(1950 issue. Brown and blue fold-out sheet. Approx 21½" x 15½" unfolded)

£ 7.50

M.G. YB
(1953 issue. Full colour fold-out sheet. Approx 21" x 17" unfolded)

£17.50

LUBRICATION CHARTS

M.G. 'YA'
(Shell Servicing Data Sheet X551)

£ 1.00

M.G. YB
(Shell Servicing Data Sheet X670)

£ 1.00

M.G. YB
(Shell Servicing Data Sheet X670 - 1st Revision)

£ 1.00

MISC. BOOKS etc.

"British Cars of the Late Forties"
(by P.Olyslager. Published by Frederick Warne & Co in 1974)

£ 2.25

"M.G. Cars"
(by D.M.Palmer. Published by C.Arthur Pearson in 1966)

£ 2.50

"M.G. Sports" (4-cylinder cars)
(Magazine-format collection published by 'Autocar' (IPC) in 1974?)

£ 2.00

"M.G. Sports" (6-cylinder cars)
(Magazine-format collection published by 'Autocar' (IPC) in 1978)

£ 3.75

"An M.G. Experience"
(by Dick Jacobs. Published by Transport Bookman Publications in 1976)

£ 8.00

"The Immortal T Series"
(by Chris Harvey. Signed by the author. Published by The Oxford Illustrated Press Ltd in 1977)

£16.50

"Tuning & Maintenance of M.G. Cars"
(by Philip.H.Smith. Published by Haynes/Foulis in 1978)

£12.00

"M.G. by McComb"
(by F.Wilson McComb. Published by Osprey in 1979)

£15.00

"The T-Series M.G.s"
(by Graham Robson. 'Collector's Guide' published by Motor Racing Publications in 1980)

£11.00

"The T Series Handbook"
(by R.Knudson & F.E.Old III. Published by the N.E.M.G.T.R. in 1981.
This copy is unfortunately falling apart!)

£ 7.50

"M.G. Sports Cars"
(Collection of road tests etc compiled by P.Garnier and published by Temple Press in 1984)

£ 5.00

Full Colour Prints by James Dugdale of Betty Haig and Barbara Marshall in 'YA','OWL 543' on the 1950 Monte Carlo Rally. Approx 24" x 16½". 1980. (x2)

£ 7.50 ea.

Engineering plan for tow bar for 'YA' by B.Dixon-Bate Ltd of Chester. 15/5/51.

£ 7.50

J.G.Lawson,
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[redacted],
[redacted]

all the above prices include U.K. postage and packing.

CARS etc WANTED:

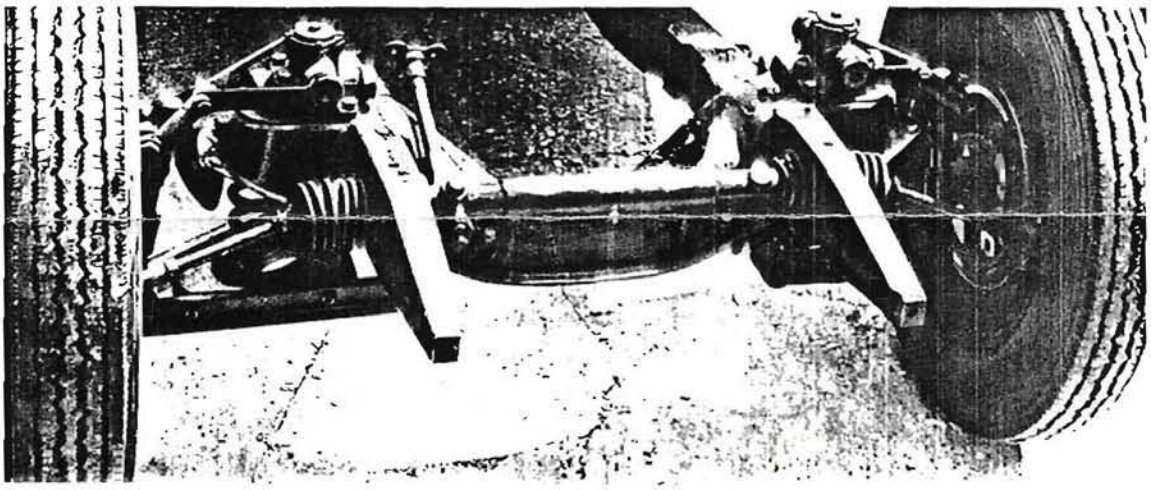
"Y Tourer. Good driveable condition. Call Jack Cole, [redacted] New York, U.S.A. [redacted]

Good original YB Owners' Handbook. Contact: Mr. D. R. Lawrence, [redacted] Republic of South Africa.

CARS FOR SALE:

764. "'YA' rolling chassis. Meticulously rebuilt to 'as new' (see photo below). New tyres, shock absorbers, rebuilt axle, rack, springs; with highly detailed rebuild schedule and history. Ready to build on. Offers to: Mr. Eric Peacock, [redacted], Essex, [redacted]"

272. "V5, old log-book, and all original documentation for 1950 'Y' Type, 'LP0900'. 1st owner Lady Samuelson. Even has 500-mile guarantee application card (extremely rare) and handbook in works' envelope. Valuable. Correct chassis Y4888 included. Offers to: Mr. Eric Peacock, [redacted] Essex, [redacted]"



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