

MG90 SHOW AND SHINE SUN 22ND JUNE 2014



Following on from the MG90 dinner on Saturday night, where Gay and Bill Baxter were recognized for their long association and membership of the MGCC with a lifetime award, as well as cutting the MG90 cake, was the next event in this worldwide celebration weekend – The MG90 display and show and shine competition at the Odlins Plaza on the Wellington waterfront.

Manawatu were represented by Gay and Bill Baxter with both their MG TC and MGA, Pat and Lynette Widdup with the 1931 MG M type, Chris Haslam in his MGBGT and Dominic and Jennette Scott in their MGB tourer.

Early starts for some as the Wellington Marathon was also on this morning with 5000 runners making their way along the waterfront at 9am so it was important to get everyone's cars safely in place ahead of this. Michael Anderson and the rest of the Wellington MGCC team had everything well organized and as the cars arrived were arranged by year order from 1931 through to 2014. MG's 90 year history was well represented with M type, R type, TB, TC, TD, TF, SA, MGA, MGB/GT, Midget, MG 1100, Metro, RV8, MGF/TF, ZR and the all new MG6 and MG3 models.

With the cars all in position, signs up and flags flying, it wasn't long before a steady stream of admirers enjoyed the display on a fine, if coolish Wellington day. Judges began the job of scoring the cars on display for the show and shine – this included engine bay, interior, exterior and overall presentation. Whilst there was some clear differences between many cars, many were also very close in condition which made the scoring quite difficult in some sections, but no doubt very interesting! There was also a 'people's choice' vote for the MG they admired the most – MGCC members were kept busy handing out voting forms throughout the day and a very pleasing 170 votes came back in to be counted with a lovely MG TB in silver and black taking out the award.

Cafés were kept busy in the area providing hot coffee and food and many members also enjoyed a hot bacon butty from Chef Martin Bosley's stand in the markets on the waterfront. Most people also enjoyed a piece of the special MG90 chocolate cake – very yummy. Lots of friendly chat and banter amongst everyone and a thoroughly good day enjoyed by all who attended.

Towards the middle of the afternoon voting closed, judge's scores were tallied and the votes counted so the winners could be announced:

Classic MG Cars – Pre 1960

- 1st Pat & Lynette Widdup – 1931 MG M Type
- 2nd Anne Armstrong – 1950 MG TD
- 3rd Southwards Motor Museum – 1935 R Type

MGB/GT's – 1963 to 1980

- 1st Dom & Jennette Scott – 1977 MGB Tourer
- 2nd Chris Haslam – 1971 MGBGT
- 3rd Scott Stevenson – 1971 MGBGT

Moderns – 1990 to 2004

1st Ron Mitchell – 2004 MG TF160

2nd Mike Shouse – 1996 MGF

3rd Gina Jones & Malcolm Fleming – 1996 MGF

Current Models – 2005 on

1st Dave Hector – 2014 MG3

2nd Denis & Margaret Christiansen – MG ZR160

Overall “Show & Shine” Winner all classes - Beaulieu Cup

Dom & Jennette Scott – 1977 MGB Roadster

Prizes included the Beaulieu Cup, MG Pin Badges and some very nice framed presentation sets of MG badges from 1924 to 2014 showing the different variations the famous octagon has had over the last 90 years – extremely well received by all who were fortunate enough to win them.

There was also an impressive range of regalia available for purchase to celebrate this event including cloth badges, lapel pins, grille badges, shirts etc etc.... Some of these may still be available - Michael Anderson is the contact for these - don't miss out!

A great event to be part of – a milestone in the long history of our favourite marque and a well put together and executed event to celebrate this. Thanks to Michael Anderson and the MGCC organizing committee for putting together this event for all to enjoy – imagine in 10 years what the 100th celebrations will be like!