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MG COUNTRY



No its not an MG but it's the coolest looking Jeep you are liable to see in a long time. I bet if you look real hard you could find some 303 bullets floating around in it. Or maybe some bullet holes too!

Read on to find the connection with MG.



For Glyn Thomas, the MG TF 1500 is the pinnacle of his collecting

Below: Austin A10 and the Swallow behind.

MG certainly is the most popular make you will find at Glyn Thomas' shed. Wall to wall MG's in fact, but deep into the inner sanctum of the shed there is a whole lot more.

Way back in 1985 Glyn laid his hands on a 1929 Austin 7 Swallow. It seems a deceased gentleman in Adelaide had quite a collection of cars of which his son was disposing. Glyn bought this one for \$1000. It had been used for hillclimbs and wasn't quite immaculate. In places the bog was two inches thick, but it was the only one like it in Australia so Glyn couldn't be choosy. Since then he has gone a long way towards rebuilding it. During the reconstruction he has replaced the wooden body framework with steel. It hasn't reached the painting stage yet but it is intended to use a colour scheme of one that was



Wooden frame has been replaced by steel in the swallow



Different views of the Swallow. The radiator surround is copper. Will polish up nice, Engine bay has typical British tiny engine.

around in its heyday. And right alongside is another Austin. This one is a 1935 A10, once again in “being worked on “ condition. The amazing thing about this car is that his wife Roz, bought it for him, on Ebay for \$3000. It came from Mt Barker in SA and hers was the only bid. A mate attached it to a steel frame, boxed up all the bits and put it on a truck for Darwin. With my limited experience with wives this is a bit unusual. I believe the norm is that wives tend to get cranky when old cars in serious need of work appear in the shed. To find one that actually buys the old cars is almost unheard of.



With that in mind we come to the next item in the shed.

Back several years when Glyn and Roz decided they needed a new house, they needed a bit more cash. To raise it Roz sold some of her stuff and Glyn sold his MGB. Maybe hubby looked lonely without his beloved MG but

Bottom: The MGB Roz picked up. Engine is done up brand new just waiting for the rest of the car.



one day Roz presented him with a beaut new MG. Well it wasn't exactly new but the thought was there, and with the Austin A10 later on she was setting a trend that I think more wives should consider taking up.

Then about 12 months ago a feller came into the hangar wanting to sell a jeep. Once again with Roz' blessing he bought it. It came with enough bits to go halfway towards building another one including a brand new chassis. But this Jeep is something else. Jeeps seem to be the flavor of the month and they are coming out of the woodwork and most of them have been lovingly restored to as new condition. This one is different in that it looks like a Jeep that has had a real life. It has a bit of rust and the paint is a bit faded but is substantially a straight vehicle, and it still has its military markings. It oozes character. Here is a Jeep that will certainly stand out in a crowd . I love it!

But in the front of the shed it is all MG. There is a 1978 MGBGT which is a fastback model. After 8 years had passed from when Roz bought him the project MG, not a lot had happened on *any* of the project cars, so he managed to get the OK to buy a working and useable one. But of course you can never have too many of something. A 1974 roaster special soon turned up on EBAY and since he reckoned it looked good he bought it too.

But the one that is closest to his heart is the TF 1500. He had been after one for years and had really thought that he was never going to find one. Then in June last year one turned up in Just Cars magazine. 1955 is the year Glyn was born in and this example was made in that same year. He reckons it was made for him. This was no project car, it was immaculate and he wanted it, seriously. I have described quite a mob of other vehicles here and Roz ' name often has bobbed up in the story. The TF is



1978 GT. Because the projects not coming along.....



1974 Roadster. Just looked good on Ebay.

1955 TF is where its at! Seems to be something about red in this shed





Impressive looking dash has gauges for just about everything, Not! There is no fuel gauge.

Wonder how much petrol you have left? Open the fuel cap and you use a stick for a dipstick .



in the shed so Glyn obviously got the tick but I do believe there was a deal struck with this one. And obviously you can't spend all your time working on these cars or buying new ones. And a place to put them all can also become a real problem. Glyn has given the problem some serious thought and come up with a workable solution: Model cars. He has dozens of them!



Engine bay is very tidy and original.

There is a built in toolbox under the bonnet, but don't expect to find a wheelbrace. You get a mallet to get those wire wheels off



Glyn was an MVEC member way back in the early days but drifted away. One thing he has retained is a very early metal bumper badge. And it has never been attached to a car. Brand new old stock!



A small portion of the smaller collection.

America has plenty of car yards just like Australia. But I stumbled across a car yard with a difference right in the middle of Las Vegas. It takes up one whole level of a parking station associated with one of the hotel casinos. They had a beaut MG on display down in the gaming rooms to tempt you to come upstairs to their car museum. But this museum is one with a difference. Nearly all the cars are for sale. The prices are up there for sure but there is one of just about everything ever made from VW beetles to Cadillacs and Rolls Royce and Bentleys. Most of the cars are in new condition and there are the occasional as found examples. You certainly wouldn't call them bargains, but if you have been searching for a long time for something in particular, when it turns up you just have to have it. But I think the reason it is there is it's just another avenue, apart from gambling, to make sure you leave Las Vegas with no money.



1923 Stutz. Survivor in remarkably good nick. For sale but the price wasn't advertised.

Below: 1956 Lincoln Premiere Convertible. Very flash \$165000



*1961 Cadillac
\$ 75000*

Below is President Kennedy's Lincoln, it wasn't for sale but the 1937 Rolls was \$350000





1925 Rolls-Royce Phantom I Barker Torpedo Tourer

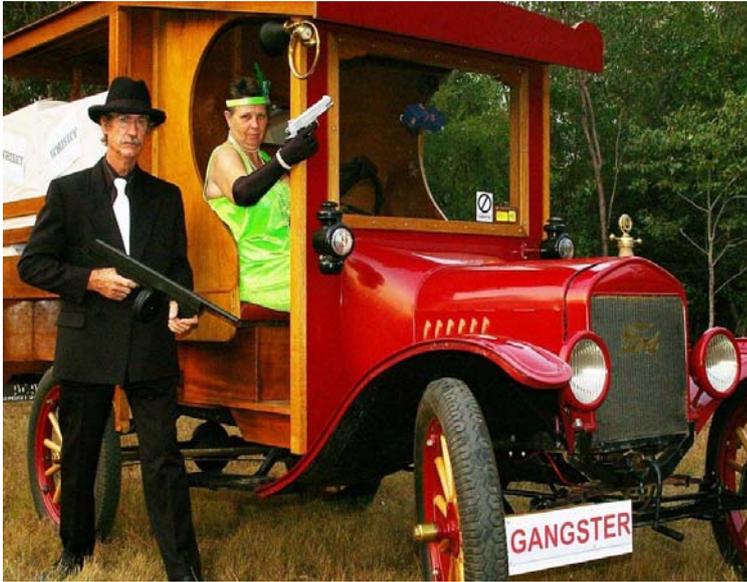
The ex-Maharaja of Kotah "Tiger Car"

Chassis no. 23 RC - Engine no. CT 15

“Equipped for hunting Bengal tigers and other wild game, this especially opulent and intriguing 1925 Rolls-Royce Torpedo Sports Tourer was originally commissioned by India's Umed Singh II. Also known as Sahib Bahadur, Umed Singh II was the Maharaja of Kotah from 1889 until his death in 1940. An avid big game hunter, the Maharaja enjoyed ample opportunity to engage his passion on the extensive grounds of his family's private estate. Monarchs, world leaders and titans of international industry frequently hunted alongside him, as his guests.”

This vehicle comes completely equipped for a night's spotlight shooting. Apart from the spotlights in every conceivable position, there is an arsenal of seriously large bore guns including a gatling gun mounted on wheels and a small cannon strapped across the back. You had to ask for the price of this car. I wasn't game enough.

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THE HISTORIC WORLD WAR II HANGAR ON A RUN TO
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Photo exhibition & Morning tea in the library

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253 Blue motor
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Pacemaker extractors
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Toyota 5 speed gear box
Ally tray OK, needs a few new pop rivets
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We have only one local add this month so here is a selection of cars from the Vegas car yard.
Check em all out at <http://www.autocollections.com/index.cfm?>

1923
Ahrens fire
engine



1950 custom Cadillac



Nice 1953 VW RHD and \$49500

This Jeep has been sold since I was there. The price on it was \$49500



1948 Cadillac. One of two built. Lovely!



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WOTS ON THIS YEAR

Heaps. Come along and enjoy!

On the 2nd Wed of every month there is a members meeting at the hangar 7.30 pm plus bbq beforehand. Also there is a working bee at the hangar the following Sunday.

- **20 May** 2012 AHMF National Day of Motoring. Chris ARMITSTEAD. 0419 489 816
- **26 -27 May** 2012 Shannons Extravaganza at Darwin Show Grounds.
- **9-10 June** 2012 Coomalie Overnighter. Motor Bike Run, Car Run and Invite to Katherine. Steve HALL 0417 831 955 will provide transport for swags from Hanger to Coomalie for bikers swags.
- **7 July** 2012 The Gangsters Ball. Berry Springs. Get dressed up. Dancing. Mayhem. Camping optional Ted 89886049.
- **15 July** 2012 MVEC Cricket Match. We need players!
- **22 July** 2012 Taminmin Display, Shed Show BBQ afterwards. Invite to Katherine. Brian SMITH. 0407 881 167 *See attached flyer page 8*
- **29 July** 2012 Shannons Day at the Track. John PALAMOUNTIAN. 0417 262 918

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- **19 August** 2012 Progressive Dinner. Steve HALL. 0417 831 955
- **2 September** 2012 Fathers Day Open Day. Peet MENZIES. 0417855222.
- **30 September** 2012 Observation Run. Steve HALL. 0417 831 955
- **21 October** 2012 Shed Show Ford Brunch. Neil BROMLEY. 0400 420 120
- **24 November** 2012 AGM then Xmas Dinner at Nightcliff Sport Club. Steve HALL. 417 831 955

A man and his wife were awakened at 3:00 am by a loud pounding on the door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push. "Not a chance," says the husband, "it is 3:00 in the morning!" He slams the door and returns to bed.

"Who was that?" asked his wife. "Just some drunk guy asking for a push," he answers.

"Did you help him?" she asks. "No, I did not, it's 3 in the morning and it's bloody pouring rain out there!"

"Well, you have a short memory," says his wife. "Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself! God loves drunk people too you know." The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pouring rain. He calls out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?"

"Yes," comes back the answer. "Do you still need a push?" calls out the husband. "Where are you?" asks the husband.

"Over here on the swing," replied the drunk..