

Jaguar Living



This is my first *Jaguar Living* for the modern register members and one that I hope will begin a new era in the JDCQ.

A bold statement - one that I am passionate to fulfil.

In the last year we held the Driver training day at Mt. Cotton and we have commenced the fine dining evenings.

There is so much more to come. Why? Well history is said to repeat, but don't believe it! The world we live in has changed, is changing and will continue to change.

Things around us change too along with the things we would like to do, and available time to do them especially as many of us are busy at work or with families and the all pressures that go with balancing busy schedules.

However we all need to relax and socialise.

That is what a the Modern Register is for! The aim is to bring people together that share a common

interest, to socialise and enjoy each other others company.

In sharing our common interest, we can add a fun dimension to both our lives and appreciation *modern Jags*. What a wonderful and rewarding interest it is too.

WHO are the Modern Register

Our register has a unique character in the Club, as the XJ40, X300, X308, S-Type, X-Type and X350's are now wonderfully affordable and in large numbers.

Many of us are using and enjoying our Jags daily as transport, working with them and enjoying a rewarding experience that is not found in many "ordinary" cars.

That is precisely why we are different and need to have our own activities.

Other registers are typically older or specialist cars, often used only for Club outings, rare classics being preserved, cars used for sporting events or restorations rolling or otherwise.

So it is fair to say we want to use our Jags, learn more about them, share

tech tips, help each other save costs and have some fun that compliments our lifestyle!

That is precisely what we are going to do within the Modern Register.

The News Letter and Website

This news letter will not only be a forum to invite you to events, it will also keep you informed on modern Jag issues, parts supply, service tips and anything **you** want to raise.

I hope in time to have a blog, in the mean time communication through my e-mail and Jaguar Living is invited.

Our webpage on the JDCQ Site will develop to interact and inform us all on what's happening and I will load up items of interest and some just fun things.



Kate and yours truly with the X350 in Portland Victoria Easter 2008.



XJ 40 Daimler Double 6

What's Planned

In the next month I *really* want your input and I will shape the activities around what you want.

Initial suggestions for events are:

- Evening events, meeting at a different location once a month, a coffee shop or an ice cream parlour, or similar for fellowship and a relaxing chat.
- Ten pin bowling night.
- An afternoon at a putt-putt course.
- Golf day for those who like golf.
- Tennis party for those who like tennis.
- Driver training.
- Wine tasting.
- Invitations to movies, theatre or other events around Brissy.
- Runs are great but they need to be somewhere interesting and we will not

be just doing the standard BYO sandwich to a park! – However a run to the Broadwater for a fish and chip lunch or dinner on the beach or similar will be arranged.

It is my intent that the events will be for all the family to enjoy and not involve having to do lots of preparation.

It is also an express intent not to bore half the attendees. This is for the car owner, the partners and the rest of the family or friends to join in and enjoy equally.

The JDCQ events are also available and I fully encourage you to attend these as well. I for one love the June Jaunt and many of the register events in the South East.

Events

The first event for 2009,

JAG's with Sizzle!

Sunday - March 1st 2009
Starting at 12 Noon

Classic Autos

A U S T R A L I A

Australia's leading sports, prestige and classic car specialist

B6 "SouthPark"
10 Compton Road
Underwood Old
Ph: 07 3208 3900

Sunday BBQ lunch and afternoon at Ben Cook's, Classic Autos Australia, hosted by Ben and Chrissey Cook and the register.

Chrissey and Ben will display their Jaguars and Kate and I will bring ours so bring yours!

Ben will have the shed open for people to have a look around. There will be a marquee in the car park and some tables/chairs, an Aussie BBQ (just some sausages, bread & sauce etc) and we are planning to have some *new* Jags on display and possibly allow members to drive.

It will be a fun afternoon with a sausage sizzle and some general fellowship.

Tech-tip #1-2009

X300/Late XJ40 Rear shock Absorber Replacement

The rear end of the Late XJ40 and X300 is common and has a couple of things to lookout for with respect to the rear shock absorbers. The most critical of these is the lower mount.

The bushing for the lower mount is not a simple trapped bush, it is a flexible mount that allows rotation and the rear of the car rides over the road.

I found this to my detriment on my X300 Sport when I fitted Bog'e units to replace some rather tired OEM units at 150,000km. They were Jaguar specified by Bog'e, though now withdrawn and not sold in Australia. The effect of having a trapped bush was to cause fatigue in the top mount which in a very short time snaps off. This is somewhat detrimental to the ride and car control and having it happen twice it is not recommended.

The only solution I have currently is to source new OEM units with the correct bushing.

Does any body else have experience with rear shocks for the X300?

Parts Sources

I have been for some time recommending the new parts can be sourced from the USA at good prices. This is still the case and with the US Postal Services freight rates it is made even more attractive. English rates are eye watering!

My preferred supplier is H.D. Rogers and Sons. This family business is a long established supplier of many European makers including Jaguar and I have had great success. The only thing that is a problem is specifically RHD parts and the US is LHD. E-mail is hdrsons@suddenlinkmail.com and the website <http://www.hdrogers.com/>

Contact Hal Rogers for some excellent parts deals.

Register Trivia

We currently number over 110 members of the 485 in the JDCQ.

48 are in Brisbane, 25 in the Gold Coast, 18 on the Sunshine Coast, 18 in Country Queensland and 7 Interstate one as far as South Australia.

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| The models represented and numbers – | XJ40 | 26 |
| | X300 | 21 |
| | X308 | 25 |
| | S-type | 26 |
| | X-type | 20 |
| | X350 | 3 |
| | XF | 2 |
| X300/X308/S-type | "R"s | 15 |

Jaguar Living - Feed back

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All the best,

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