

Jaguar Living



Last chance call for Harry's Diner, be there or be square! This is a traditional Diner with good food and soft drink available and ample parking for our cars while we socialise and relax.

This is an evening outing on Saturday March 28th meeting there from 7.00 to 7.30 PM.

New Jaguar XF

Sunshine Jaguar lent me a new XF for a long weekend this month and it was a really interesting experience.

Firstly it does have a real WOW factor and everyone who saw it drove it or just went with me was impressed. Even more so when I told them it was a diesel. It went very well and proved comfortable and fun to drive.

The diesel is a good engine and though it did have a little off the line hesitation when you were asking for serious acceleration at all other times it was very smooth and very, very good.

The news is that there is an even better 3 litre diesel on the way mid

year and this is redesigned so there is no lag at all. It will be interesting to try this when it arrives.

The other XF news is the 5 litre XFR. This is going to be special with remarkable performance and with mildly reworked suspension and other minor upgrades it should be another great Jaguar.

Along with this is the update of the XK and XKR with the 5 litre. I have not seen a lot on this car yet but it is going to be a potent rival for Aston Martin and Porsche.

More on the XK next month.

Events

I am not planning an April event as this is the month of the National Rally and Kate and I will be away for 2 weeks as will many members.

However in May I am planning a wine tasting at Sirromet at Mt Cotton. This will be on a Sunday and you can have a snack at the bistro or if you want a sumptuous lunch at Lurleens.

Lurleens is a 5 star restaurant and will cost up from \$150 per couple. Kate and I have eaten there many times and it never fails to impress. Bookings will be made for the tasting however lunch will need to be booked individually. Note that Sirromet Wine Club members will get 15% off all food and wine purchases. Details next month. Let me know if you are interested on the e-mail!

June –July is the proposed theatre night, I am looking for 10 to 20 to make a party. Please let me know if you are interested!

For later in the year I am planning a Sunday lunch at the Grand View Hotel over looking Morton Bay. This is a great Brisbane Pub with great food and views.

Bargains to be had!

The recession is not all bad as it is throwing up some real bargains in the new and used car market.

Jaguars are not immune from the drop in prices however if you are looking for a car there are quite a few available at good prices.

308 Series XJ8's are now starting at \$18,000 and top out at \$45,000 for late XJR's! That is a lot of car for the money.

350's are starting at \$50,000 for the XJ6 and \$55,000 for the 3.5 litre. There is nothing wrong with either of these! The 3.0 litre 6 is a good engine and in the light X350 body is quite respectable for get up and go.

Even current shape XK's are showing up at \$120-140,000 with very low mileage.

The S –Type and X-Type are also very affordable. I am aware of an S-Type R 4.2 that can be purchased for around \$45,000. If that of interest let me know and I will pass on the details.



Events

Cruise on in!

Harry's Diner

U14/ 104 New Market Rd
Windsor QLD 4030

Arrive 7.00 – 7.30 PM
Saturday
March 28th 2009

Theatre Night!

**I need to pre-register members for a Brisbane Theatre night.
I am looking of 10 -20 who would like a night out in June – July.**

Please e-mail me your interest at kennmcknight@bigpond.com

Tech-tip #3-2009

The late model X350, S-Type and X-Type are very sophisticated cars, particularly in the computer systems and management. There are computer controlled and act just like your PC in that they do need a time to boot up and self check. This is only a couple of seconds but it does mean that you can crash it if you start the car too quickly.

Many of you may have experienced the car not operating correctly. Typically the sound on the stereo not working or the phone not being recognised by the cars systems. All that has happened is the car has failed to get through the start up quickly enough for you and these have been crashed so that they computer will not run them. This is easy fixed by shutting of the ignition and starting again.

To avoid the issues altogether just pause for a few seconds after turning on the ignition and all will be well. Interestingly with the XF and XK with the button start this pause is now built in and the start sequence is not able to be interrupted and crashed as it has the pause built in.

Parts Sources

Late model second hand [parts are becoming available and in Queensland Murray at Jaguar and Land Rover parts is importing a number of cars from Hong Kong that are for parts only. Take my advice though don't look in the workshop, there are usually a number of X308 and X300's that (were) perfectly nice cars cut in half for import to Australia. I nearly cry every time!

Register Trivia

Australia has a proud history of being amongst the first to receive new models when released. The X350 was no different with the first car to be sold being Vin G00433. The first 8 cars in Australian specification were G00528-G00534. Though one of these was sent on to New Zealand - G00532. I found this out when looking in to my cars history with JDHT, my car being G00533.



Jaguar Living - Feed back

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All the best,

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