

Brisbane Regional Register News



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Cat Chat

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JDCQ Australia Day Picnic

The JDCQ Australia Day Picnic has for many years been held at Cormorant Bay on Wivenhoe Dam. For this year the JDCQ committee decided to try a different venue and selected Bullocky Rest on Lake Samsonvale just north of Brisbane. Despite being somewhat of a work in progress the picnic area reserved for our use was



perfectly adequate with covered picnic tables and benches plus easy access to toilets (no need to roll down the hill like Wivenhoe). The JDCQ committee had also erected several additional shade tents so that all of the 66 attendees could find cover from

the sun and enjoy the company of like-minded Jaguar enthusiasts. It was good to see members from all southern registers, Brisbane, Darling Downs, Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast. Morning tea was BYO to share but a barbecue lunch with salads was provided by the JDCQ and prepared on the electric BBQ.



Very tasty sausages they were too.

An extensive range of Jaguars were on display from Rod and Sue's 1939 SS Jaguar, complete with a large Australian flag, to current models. The SS and the lovely Mark 4 also with flags were certainly the standouts. This SS will soon be driven to Perth for the 2020 National Rally which celebrates the 85th anniversary of the 'Jaguar' name being used, on the SS Jaguar. That's a round trip of well over 10,000 kilometres. A too high proportion of club member cars would not do that in a decade!

The picnic was a great way to start our Jaguar year and thanks must go to the JDCQ Committee and other volunteers on the day.

Words by Barry Cooper



Please Note:

A reminder from Lloyd Andersen as JDCQ concessional registrations officer.

Members with cars on special interest concessional registration are reminded that it is essential to maintain Club membership in order to retain the cheaper registration. If you do not renew your membership the Department of Transport and Main Roads must be advised and will require that you pay full registration.

JDCQ Chassis Based Register

Invite all Queensland Jaguar Drivers Club members and friends to join us for lunch at Karalee Tavern on the first Thursday of each month (usually but not November) - **next meet Thursday 5th March**
Enquiries **Lloyd Andersen 32948960**

Upcoming events



Date Claimers

- * **26th Mar on** — National Rally in WA— 85 years of the Jaguar SS plus post rally tour - More info on pg 9
- * **Thurs 5th Mar**—Chassis Based Register—Karalee Tavern - more info pg 2
- * **Tues 14th April**—General meeting Yeronga services club. 7.30pm - come early for dinner if you wish—more info phone Joy Cooper
- * **Fri Sat Sun 1st, 2nd & 3rd May** - **Sorry Fully booked!** Celtic Festival at Glen Innes—rooms have been booked for the club so if you would like to come please contact Ian and Jeanette Lind 0438629598 for more information. More info pg 6
- * **Sun 24th May**—Mac's Bridge QLD Rifle Assn Belmont range 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, Belmont —more info to come
- * **Sun 7th Jun** —Angelhurst Charity Car Show Tamborine—more info to come
- * **Sat 25th Jul** – British Marque clubs with Coffee— Darra—"more info to come"
- * **Sun 9th Aug**—Not Only Jags and Jazz—St John Fisher College Brackenridge—more info to come.
- * **Sun 30th Aug**—Peak Crossing—A day in the country. More info to come.
- * **TBA**—Clay Target Shooting—more info pg 9

Our Drive to **Garage 25** 26th February

If your boat is need of some TLC The Boat Works at Coomera, Gold Coast is the place to go for all things marine. This vast complex was created by John Longhurst and his sons Rodney and Tony. Tony Longhurst? That name rings a bell and this bell chimes out

..... 2 times Bathurst 1000 winner and Bathurst 12 hour winner. Numerous wins in The Australian Touring Car Championships in Ford Sierras, Ford Falcons and more often than not, very fast BMWs!

Tony Longhurst now runs The Boat Works complex and nestled amongst the precinct is a collection of varied historic cars. Attached is a well stocked coffee/eatery and the name Garage 25 harks back to Tony's usual race number 25.

Paul Lucas thought it would be a good outing for Jaguar owners to drive down (or up)



to Coomera for a visit and coffee and a general get together.

51 members and 35 Jaguars from the Brisbane register, Sunny Coast and Gold Coast registers evidently thought it would be a good outing as well.

The pictures tell the story and well done—thank you Paul Lucas.

Words by Phil Sperry



Did you know.....

Did you know that fast enough probably IS fast enough?

Since the car was born drivers have wanted to go faster. Special one off speed record cars have been built to gain the world record for speed, for endurance, for track work, for hill climbs & for drag strips etc. Special vehicles built for a special purpose.

It did not take long for manufacturers of "normal" cars to add speed as a sales feature.

One of the first "sports cars" being the Vauxhall Prince Henry. Produced 1911 to 1914 - top speed 75mph (120Km).

The Jaguar motto has been "Grace, Space, & Pace" and the company's products have always been at the top of the pace curve. 120mph (193kph) for the XK120, 150mph (241kph) for the E Type, 220mph (350kph) for the XJ220, an incredible speed for a production car in 1990 and not bettered until 1998 by the McLaren F1 at 240mph(386kph). 200mph now seems just another number on the way to ridiculous speeds. Joining the elites of special builds are production cars, the likes of McLaren F1 & 720s, Bugatti Veyron, Lamborghini Aventador S, Audi R8V10, Ferrari 812, Aston Martin DBS Superleggera.

However – Bugatti recently upped the anti. Their test driver Andy Wallace, Le Mans winner and multi speed record breaker, took a Bugatti Chiron in almost standard form to the VW test track in Southern Germany. This track, a 21km circuit & has an 8.8km straight. One lap to warm up then rounding the corner onto the straight then @ 200km Wallace planted his foot. Very soon the speed was recorded @ 490.48 kph. Very very soon after that the brakes were applied to bring the car back to 200kph for the bend at the end of the straight. The 300 mph mark had been breached (304.773).

The president of Bugatti, Stephan Winkelmann was overjoyed but announced that the company was done for record breaking and would pursue "other exciting projects".

The Bugatti Chiron will remain in production till 2021 so..... if you want a quick trip to do the shopping..... Better put your order in now.

Words by Phil Sperryn



Andy Wallace and a Bugatti Chiron



Vauxhall Prince Henry—the first true sports car

WELCOME TO NEW BRISBANE

REGISTER MEMBERS

Eric & Evy Page-Hanify

Margaret Martell

Adrian & Joan Bulcock

Ted & Sherri-Lee Szmolnik

Julian & Dianne Beville-Anderson

William Matheson

Welcome

Did you read the article in the RACQ Road Ahead Feb/Mar 2020 discussing today's suitability of CTP Insurance?

If you would like to make suggestions or comments please contact Brisbane Register member Ian Luchterhand 0400576972

Please - remember to keep your contact details postal address and email address up to date and advise of change of cars to both the secretary Joy Cooper joy.cooper@cooperation.com.au and also please update your personal details on the website directly.

It is the database held with the editor of the website that is used for mailing out the club magazine and email correspondence such as membership renewals.

CELTIC FESTIVAL 1-2-3 MAY 2020 GLEN INNES

Three double rooms remain available at the Clansman Motel in Glen Innes for any JDCQ member of any Register in Queensland or any friends or relatives who might wish to attend.

For information on the festival go to your internet browser and look up Celtic Festival Glen Innes 2020 for the full three day program on Friday Saturday and Sunday 1-2-3 May 2020

If you wish to attend please advise Ian Lind on ian.lind@bigpond.net.au or ring 0438 629 598 by 20 February 2020.

Payments of \$160 per night can be made to our treasurer by direct deposit to The Jaguar Drivers Club of Qld Inc. (Include surname and Celtic) as a reference BSB 484 799 Account Number 506117953 or cheques made payable to 'Jaguar Drivers Club Qld Inc' and write 'Celtic Festival' on the reverse, then post to Brisbane Register JDCQ, c/-3621 30 Hollins Crescent, New Farm 4005.

The Clansman Motel requires a minimum stay of three days (Normal price \$220 per night) a saving of \$60 per night.

Please note that early-bird payments as advised on the website end on 28th February 2020.



Sorry Fully Booked

Jaguar National Rally WA 2020

A personal invitation to be part of the 2020 National Rally

Members of the Jaguar Car Club of WA (JCCWA) invite you to be part of the Jaguar National Rally in late March and early April 2020.

The Rally Celebrates 'Eighty-Five Years On'

It is eighty-five years since the Jaguar name was first used on a motor car and introduced to the world at the Mayfair Hotel in London in September 1935.



TO men and women accustomed to the finer things of life, the SS Jaguar makes a big appeal. Not only by its graceful lines, not only in its outstanding performance, but rather in its combination of excellencies has the Jaguar captured the imagination of discerning motorists. There is that something in its effortless smoothness that amounts to fascination—a

fascination rarely enjoyed even in cars at twice its price. Arrange for a trial run today or send now for beautifully illustrated brochure. 2½ litre model (as illustrated) £385. 1½ litre saloon £285.

SS Cars Limited, Holbrook Lane, Coventry.
London Showrooms: Henlys, Devonshire House, Piccadilly, W. 1



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For details on the 2020 national rally please visit this link where you have all your questions answered or contact Stuart Coleman on 0417 939 638 or <mailto:jagstr@inet.net.au>



<https://jaguarnationalrally2020.org.au>

Register Here



Note: Further to the previous page re: the National Rally in Western Australia—Here is a note from Rod and Sue Greasley

Redcliffe Queensland to Perth Western Australia and return in a 1939 SS Jaguar DHC

To travel from Redcliffe Queensland to Perth Western Australia via regional roads that probably won't flood during the trip requires a distance of 5140 km each way.

Regional roads were selected so that the old car doesn't have the problem of large semi trailers having to pass the Jaguar as we estimated the Jaguar will travel at the slightly slower than highway speeds.

Preparation started several months ago with ensuring all aspects of the vehicle were in good condition and also to check tightness of everything and servicing the car including changing all oils, adjusting brakes, tyre rebalance and putting together some spare parts and planning the route that we will take.

The plan is now set in motion in that get back to Australia from our overseas holiday on the first of March and we leave on Tuesday March 10, 2020 and expect to be in Perth about 12 days later In time to clean the car and prepare it for the display days and the Post Rally Tour.

So the finer details of the trip are that we leave very early on Tuesday, 10 March travel down the Pacific Highway to stay some 600 km south at Port Macquarie on the east coast of Australia, from there we travel through one of the pretty roads in Australia via Bylong Way where we stay overnight then at Bathurst. This avoids the Sydney traffic and makes the drive far more comfortable but unfortunately a lot slower. We will then take the Olympic way to Griffith, Mildura, and then on to Adelaide.

We expect to be in Adelaide on Saturday, 14 March, having traveled at this stage about 2400 km in 5 days.

The last time we traveled this route was at the same time of the year to go to the Jaguar nationals in Adelaide and the temperatures on the Hay Plains were well over 40°C (104 F) so this will be a real test of the cooling system on the SS jaguar. From Adelaide we go to Port Augusta, Ceduna, across than Nullarbor through Eucla, Balladonia, Norseman, and then via Kalgoorlie to Merredin and finally if all goes well on to Perth.

So by then we will have driven about 70 hours behind the steering wheel of the SS Jaguar and hopefully spend a minimum amount of time under the bonnet and under the car or changing wheels and tyres.

All being well the car will be on display for the Jaguar nationals in Western Australia and will then proceed on the post rally tour before returning on another 5400km drive back to Queensland. The return trip will go via Albany and Esperance as the Post Rally Tour ends south of Perth at Busselton.

If you are interested in joining Rod and Sue Greasley, phone Rod Greasley on 0427763783

So by the time we've completed the rally we will have seen a large part of Australia, used about 1000 liters of fuel and traveled an expected 11,000 km in the SS Jaguar which is near 81 years old.

This will be an epic journey for the retired occupants as well as the car but we're looking forward to the adventure as a totally enjoyable experience.

We will keep the rally coordinators advised of our progress particularly if there's any delays or need assistance. We also welcome anybody that wants to join us on any parts of the trip and if there is any interest I will post exactly the dates we are at all locations as a separate document.

Rod and Sue Greasley

Clay Target Bustin' for Jag Club Members

Jim Bowden is a member of the Brisbane Sporting Clays gun club at Belmont. He has offered to take small groups of five or less Jaguar Club members for a round of 25 shots each under his guidance.



A bit like golf, there are 6 stands and clay targets are launched at different angles, and your task is to bust 'em as they fly through the air. Just like the Olympic games, only easier!

The targets are mostly easier for beginners, and even people that have never tried before usually bust a few. It is surprisingly satisfying to smash the little clay targets to dust, and ladies and newbies are especially provided for with a gun and load that has very little recoil.

Use of gun, box of 25 shells, clay targets, ear plugs, guidance and supervision, and range fees included.

Cost would be only \$40 as guests of Jim, rather than the \$75 normally charged for corporate events.

After we can have a cuppa or a beer in the club house to discuss our fun! Ladies welcome.

If interested please advise Jim on 0412 991 747, and when he has enough starters he will convene an outing. Normally on a Friday or Saturday.

Contact Jim Bowden 0412 991 747