

Brisbane Regional Register News

Cat Chat

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Ahoy!

Listen up me hearties! - and I will tell you about the 13 brave souls of the Brisbane Register who joined together in the face of tumultuous storms whipping up a shark infested ocean to attempt the crossing to St Helena Island in an ancient leaky wooden boat!



Just a few of the merry pirates Phil, Julio, Jeanette Ian & Ruth

Well it sounds like the start of a good sailor's yarn but in fact it was a beautiful Sunday morning when we gathered on Newstead House jetty to board the very comfortable "Lady Brisbane". Our most threatening task was to juggle a hot coffee and warm muffin at morning tea.

Setting sail down the Brisbane River our Captain spoke about points of interest along the way—the first thing being the massive river works to support extra lanes of Kingsford Smith Drive. Fortunately the Gateway Bridge did not collapse as we passed underneath. Its quite a way to the mouth of the river then a further 4 km to St Helena. Here, near where the river enters the bay, in the early 1860's a prison ship was moored. The prisoners were taken each day to St Helena to dig fresh water wells,



Victoria and Tony enjoying the scenery



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We welcome all members (not just committee) to organise a drive or day outing. Please contact Ian or Joy with details

cut stone blocks, build a lime kiln and lay the foundations for a planned Quarantine Station. However, Queensland authorities, troubled with chronic overcrowding of Petrie Tce prison and pleased at the abilities and progress of the prisoners on St Helena decided to drop the planned Quarantine Station idea and changed St Helena into a self sustaining prison. The buildings were to be built by the prisoners with stone quarried by the prisoners, food farmed by the prisoners and cooked by the prisoners. So in 1867 St Helena was opened for business and the prisoner number eventually grew to over 300 of Qld's roughest and toughest criminals. But this was no island holiday camp! Punishment was tough and St Helena became know as the "Hell hole of the Pacific" .

Our guide Jacob walked and talked us around the island. The graveyard where crosses bore not a name but just a prisoner number. The rail tow path for shifting quarried stone and island produce, the sleeping quarters, the eating quarters , kitchen and separate bakery. The Blacksmith work shop was next door to the punishment yard.

To end his time on the island a prisoner had to serve out his sentence, die or attempt a risky escape. Prison staff kept the sharks frequenting the local waters by feeding them kitchen scraps. In 65 years 25 serious attempts at escape were tried and only 3 people disappeared without trace.

Luckily our fate had a much happier ending. After the obligatory photo stop at the St Helena sign we escaped the island to the comfort of the Lady Brisbane for a well earned Aussie BBQ steak and sausage lunch before proceeding home.



At last ! Maureen's revenge as she uses the "cat o nine tails" on her husband



Kayelene and Marten Lak



Lady Brisbane



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

ALEX & JANET DUPLESSIS - XJ8

PHIL ALMOND—(RETURNING)

PAUL & LEANNE ARSCOTT

Upcoming events



Brisbane Regional Register News

Date Claimers



- Thurs 3rd May** - JDCQ Chassis Based register—Lunch Karralee Tavern See page 7
- Tues 8th May** General meeting Yeronga Services club with guest speaker more info. See page 6
- Tues 15th May**—Glorious Pie Run See page 6
- 26th/27th May**—Kooralybn display day and sleep over. See advert below
- Sun 27th May**- Macleans Bridge Sports & Classic Car Festival at Old Rifle Ass Belmont range. See page 7
- Sun 3rd June** -Angelhurst Classic Car display and picnic. See page 8
- Fri Sat Sun 8th 9th & 10th June**- Bunya/Kingaroy—Drive/Walk/Observatory/History 3 day drive See page 4
- Wed 20th June**- day drive Murwillumbah, Mullumbimby, Byron Bay contact Ian Lind more info next Cat Chat
- Tues 26th June**-Moore Gallery and lunch See page 6.
- Sun 21st 22nd- July Jumpers and Jazz**—overnight Warwick- sorry fully booked. Further information Phil Sperry
- Sun 26th Aug Peaks Crossing.**—A day in the country Charity event. More info in next Cat Chat

Kooralbyn Show n Shine

Saturday 26th May 2018

Travel to picturesque Kooralbyn on the Scenic Rim.

11.00 a.m. Tour of Peninsula Jaguar Engine Centre by Murry Scoble, the Owner and enthusiast

<https://peninsulajag.com.au/>

"I live, love, breath, repair and race Jaguars" Murray Scoble

(Ladies may want to organize a spa, or massage etc thru Ramada, or relax and enjoy a cuppa with friends.)

1.00p.m. Lunch at the Pavillion Tavern Own cost.

After lunch – stroll and enjoy the Jaguars and other cars at the Show and Shine on the lawns outside the Tavern.

Stay and play – if you wish book into the modern **Ramada Kooralbyn Resort** – special rate of \$178.20 per couple Queen Room for the night has been negotiated. Bookings 07 55446688 Only 10 rooms reserved for the Jag Club so please be quick!

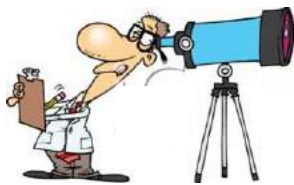
6.00pm Return to Pavillion Tavern for dinner, be entertained by pocket-rocket Luella Widt from 7.00p.m. Luella is a very popular performer and always draws a crowd, and we will have good seats if we dine there before the show starts. No cost other than your meals. Free courtesy bus from and to Ramada when you are ready to go.

Next day – Sunday 27th May - sleep in and explore the area, or maybe go straight to McLeans Bridge Car Show at Belmont. About an hour and a half travel.

Please advise Jim Bowden 0412 991 747 or bowden8@hotmail.net.au so that reservations for dinner and show can be made.

**BRISBANE REGIONAL REGISTER
INVITES YOU ON A HISTORICAL 3 DAY
DRIVE TO THE SOUTH BURNETT
VISITING THE BUNYA MOUNTAINS AND
STAYING IN KINGAROY.**

Drive/Walk/Observatory/History 8th 9th 10th June



Why not Join us for this historical tour of the South Burnett region. Walk in the beautiful Bunya Mountains and admire the massive Bunya and Hoop Pines. Marvel at Jupiter and the rings of Saturn from the Kingaroy Observatory and stay in the historical farming town of Kingaroy all part of the South Burnett region Fri-Sun 8th, 9th, 10th June.

Everything except one dinner will be included in the price of \$330 pp . (read inclusions opposite)

It is now time to register and pay for this 3 day drive . Please reply to Ruth & Phil—preferably by email to phil.ruthb@gmail.com or phone 0418188090 or 0412187130

Please make payment now to the Brisbane Register using the details below:

Payment by direct deposit:
The Jaguar Drivers Club of QLD Inc (include surname as a reference) BSB 484 799 Acc No 506117953 or cheques made Payable to "Jaguar Drivers Club QLD Inc" & write "Bunya" on the reverse then post to: Brisbane Register JDCQ , c/- 3621/30 Hollins Cres New Farm Q 4005

Inclusions

- * Two nights accommodation at the Burke and Wills Motel in the heart of Kingaroy—Queen, King or Twin beds.
- * Package includes accommodation, 3x lunches, 1 x 2 course early dinner at the renowned "Explorers" restaurant at the Burke and Wills Motel before moving on to the Observatory
- * 2 continental breakfasts plus 2 morning teas and 1 afternoon tea.
- * 3 Lunches—1 lunch will be at the pretty Malanah Gardens with beautiful views of the South Burnett and another lunch at Historical Rinsgfield House a living museum complete with coach house and school at Nanango. 3rd Lunch to be in the Bunya Mts at "Elz" bistro.
- * Includes entry to the Kingaroy Observatory (a nine minute drive from Kingaroy) for star gazing with the host astronomer. Saturn and Jupiter will be in the sky. Of course weather permitting.!
- * 2 hour easy hike in the beautiful Bunya mountains to see the huge and magnificent Bunya and Hoop Pines. Can you tell the difference? A 45 min horse and cart ride for those not wishing to walk.
- * Includes a visit to "Bethany", the Bjelke-Petersen home for over 100 years. Tour taken by John Bjelke-Peterson and sample Flo's famous pumpkin scone recipe – cooked by Karyn Bjelke-Petersen (afternoon tea).
- * Includes a visit to heritage listed "Taabinga Homestead" built 1846 for a tour and morning tea. Taabinga Homestead is one of Queensland's oldest surviving occupied homes.

Did You Know.....

SS Jaguar 100

by Lloyd Andersen

When showing my SS100 at Display Days, I am routinely asked certain questions.

What is an SS100?

To answer this one requires a little knowledge of Jaguar History.

Soon after WW1, a couple of young guys named William Lyons and William Walmsley got into the business of making motorcycle sidecars under the name of Swallow Sidecars. From there they progressed into building smarter looking car bodies on other companies' chassis as Swallow Coachbuilding. By the 1930s they were building complete cars as SS Cars Limited with engines from Standard Motors.



In 1935, notable engineer Harry Weslake was consulted about improving the performance of the engines for SS Cars. The outcome was a change from the old side valve engines to a new overhead valve, pushrod engine with about 40% better horsepower.

A new model name was introduced for the 1936 cars powered by the new engine. Hence the SS Jaguar Saloon, SS Jaguar Open Top Tourer, SS Jaguar Drop Head Coupe and the new SS Jaguar 100.

The SS 100 was intended as a competition sports car with the 100 included in its name to emphasise its top speed, in miles per hour. In 1936 this was a little ambitious with the 2 ½ litre engine then fitted. However, it was bettered in 1938 when a 3 ½ litre engine became an option.

After WW2, the name SS was discarded, and the company became Jaguar.

Is it a real one?

Well, it is not a genuine SS100 built in Coventry. However, my car has a genuine SS 2 ½ litre engine sourced from an SS Jaguar Saloon and bears the chassis number of that car. The body is built in aluminium on timber frame and steel chassis exactly as the genuine cars. I regard it as a perfect clone or true replica.

Where was it made and how did you come to own it?

Most of the fabrication work was done by Finch Restorations in South Australia in the late 1980s.

In 1990, Denis Stone of the Gold Coast saw the project advertised in the Australian Jaguar Magazine.

Denis completed the work, with a view to driving the car in Targa Tasmania. He drove it in Targa a few times, placing second in class in 2002.

By 2010, his need for speed had moved to racing an AC Cobra replica, and so Denis put the car up for auction through Shannons where it failed to meet the reserve. A couple of years later I expressed interest and we agreed a price.

What is it worth?

A real SS Jaguar 100 in similar condition is worth around half a million dollars. I asked Finch Restorations their current price to build an equivalent replica and the answer was around \$300,000 and the parts are now hard to find. Neither Denis nor I paid that much.

What is it like to drive?

It drives like you would expect of a 1936 car. You don't have the braking, power steering or acceleration of a modern car. You need to be good at using an early manual gearbox. You must be very aware of what the fools in modern cars and trucks are doing around you.

There is no avoiding the wind in the hair (and everywhere), so it can be very cold in winter.

However, no modern car can compare with the romance of driving the epitome of the pre-WW2 British sports car with that long louvered bonnet and big headlights. It gets the thumbs up from other drivers, always attracts interest at the petrol servo and as you go by school children call out 'Great Car Mate'.

MOORE GALLERY AND LUNCH - Tuesday 26th June 2018

Meet at the Old Church Gallery at Moore, 35 Linville Road, Moore, about 11.00am for a welcome cup of coffee or tea and a catch up chat before we eat—or wander across the road to see the old railway station.

A little less than 2 hours from Brisbane, just off the D'aguilar Highway at Moore. Sealed parking is available for our precious babies.

Plenty of time to look at the Gallery of Art and wildlife photographs and to sit in and admire the garden.

A special farm style dining lunch will be leisurely served from 12.30.

No menu—just great home cooked fresh local produce from an excellent home cook.

A bush poet will entertain us and provide a lucky door prize.

Cost: \$20 for lunch and coffee. Bush Poet, \$15 person . So \$35 per person for the day.

The Brisbane register will kindly donate some refreshments for the event. Drink responsibly if driving. Other drinks and food can be purchased at own cost if desired.

The Gallery has a capacity of 26 people so the first members to commit will get the spots.

Please advise Jim Bowden on 0412 991 747



GLORIOUS PIE RUN

Tuesday 15th May

A great run up Mt Nebo, over Mount Glorious, down through picturesque Somerset and finish for lunch at the famous Fernvale Bakery for your choice of over 100 varieties of pies!!



Over 50km of pretty mountain driving so be sure to pump up your tyres and check your radiators and brakes. Modern Jags get a chance to play with their paddles, and learn more about their intelligent sports transmissions.

Meet any time between 10am and 11am at Jim Jones Tea Rooms, 1 Fernlands Rd, Mt Nebo. To get there simply continue along Waterworks Rd onto Mt Nebo Rd, plenty of parking just off Mt Nebo Rd. Have a cuppa, feed the amazing birds, leave anytime for a staggered departure for Fernvale, as a convoy of 30 Jaguars might be a bit much for other road users. Be wary as speed traps are often in place on this great piece of driver's delight road.

Fernvale Bakery has a large parking area, under-cover café and wide choice of tucker.

Please let Jim or Lucy know if you intend to come 0413130009.

General Meeting
Tuesday 8th May
Yeronga Services Club.
Meeting start 7.30pm



Come early for dinner with other members if you wish.

Guest speaker will be Nicky & Richard on cleaning products www.poppysproducts.com.au. They have been well received by other car clubs.

You may be interested to know that Sirromet winery often have a casual event that encourages cars and enthusiasts to drive up to the Mt Cotton Winery and enjoy breakfast or coffee with muffins/cakes. The next cars and coffee will be on Sunday 20th May. See the Sirromet web page <https://www.sirromet.com/>

Mac's Bridge

Members who have not advised Tony Nelson they will not attend Mac's Bridge, or have not advised him that they have registered so he can allocate display space, can expect a reminder email from Tony in early May to register for the upcoming MacLean's Bridge, Mac's Bridge, or the Sports and Classic Car Festival, whatever you wish to call it, on Sunday 27th May at the Belmont Rifle Range.

Don't get confused by the many names. All Jaguars models are most welcome to display on the day—classic to new. We usually get a great roll up and the public really enjoy viewing the Jaguars on display. Club registered cars are also most welcome to attend as long as they follow Queensland Government rules.

In the invitation, as well as advising the progress the Triumph Club have made in making this a better event each year, he will give you a link so you can register and pay your admittance fee before the event. This way on the day you will have express entry.

Once you have registered Tony will ask you to email him with details of the car you will display and names of people attending for our historian, as just too hard to do on the day. This way Tony will again arrange the Jaguar display to help the general public appreciate the progression of our marque.



2018 MAC'S BRIDGE
Sports & Classic Car Festival

Proudly supporting




SUNDAY 27TH MAY


Join us for our annual car show in idyllic surroundings with excellent catering and trade displays at the
Old Rifle Assoc Belmont Range
1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont
(see reverse for location map and directions)

FURTHER INQUIRIES
Mike Taylor: 0417 193 611
Geoff Johnson: 0413 734 977
Murray Clark: murrayclark1@bigpond.com.au
Or visit: www.macleansbridge.com

ENTRANCE FEES
Display car, driver & one passenger: \$15.00
Extra passengers: \$10.00 each
Visitors (including parking): \$10.00 per car
Children under 12: FREE



Activities for all sports and classic car enthusiasts. Proudly presented by the Triumph Sports Owners Association Queensland for the enjoyment of all sports and classic car club members and enthusiasts.

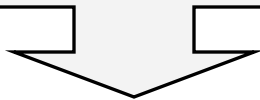
Please - remember to keep your contact details postal address and email address up to date and advise of change of cars to both the secretary Joy Cooper  joy.cooper@cooperation.com.au and also please update your personal details on the website directly.

JDCQ Chassis Based Register

We invite all Queensland Jaguar Drivers Club members and friends to join us for lunch at Karalee Tavern on the first Thursday of each month.

Next lunch is : **Midday Thursday 3rd May**
Enquiries Lloyd Andersen 32948960

OTHER CLUB'S EVENTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS



Queensland Historic Motoring Council

- is again intending to hold the Picnic in the Park event at Queens Park, Ipswich on Sunday 20th May. Free event, no need to register, arrive from 9am at Cnr Milford St and Goleby Ave. Last Year it was cancelled due to rain Here is hoping it is fine this time!

RACQ MOTORFEST

15th July - Eagle Farm Racecourse, Ascot

More details found on the website and also a link to Register online at <https://www.racq.com.au/about/community-and-sponsorships/events/racq-motorfest>

Please send your ideas and contributions to this newsletter to phil.ruthb@gmail.com

Have you recently been successful in installing air-conditioning into an old car and you are happy with the result?

Phil would like to hear about it.

Phil Sperry 0412187130 phil.ruthb@gmail.com

The Charities we have supported

Brake
Everyday Hero
Gabriella's Mission
Camp

2018— The 8th Angelhurst Village Charity Car Day

An inter-club charity challenge
Invited Clubs
No public, invited guest ONLY

When: Sunday, 3 June 2018
Time: From 9am...
Where: 2 Pendennis Road Tambourine
Admission: \$30 per car
Concours entry extra

Fine food and drinks on site
Or bring your own picnic
Low key concours judged
Trophies by Shannons

All proceeds to benefit:
Camp Quality and Brake

This event has raised over \$50,000 thus far.....with total proceeds going to the nominated charities....

ROTARY CLUB OF TOOWOOMBA NORTH INC.  

20th DAVID HACK CLASSIC MEET

TOOWOOMBA CITY AERODROME (Spitfire Street)
SUNDAY 20th MAY 2018
Exhibitors from 7:30 am
Public from 8:30 am finishes 2:30 pm
All funds raised benefit Leukaemia Foundation - Blue Care & other charities

Featuring an exotic mix of classic – vintage and modern cars – historic trucks, military vehicles - racing cars - motor bikes visiting & resident

 Only Available Public Entry 

Warbirds & Classic planes FLY-IN (not airshow)
Adventure Flights.

FOOD, DRINKS, JUMPING CASTLE, FACE PAINTING, RAFFLES

 **NO SMOKING**  **NO PETS**
(aerodrome regulations)

FREE PARKING

For More information check

Website: www.therotaryclub.com.au ; click David Hack tab
Keep up with Face Book:  David Hack Classic
You Tube: [/watch?v=s_5d_2_BnS4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_5d_2_BnS4)

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