

Brisbane Regional Register News



Cat Chat!

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November 2017

Two events postponed due to weather.

The **St Helena Cruise** was postponed due to excessively strong winds on the day. The Captain of the Lady Brisbane decided that it was too dangerous to moor at the jetty of St Helena.

The **good news** is that it has been rescheduled to 12th November—still time to book.

The **3 Day Bunya/Kingaroy Drive/Walk History Tour** regrettably was postponed due to venues being inundated with mud caused by the unusual wet weather event.

The **good news** is that this event is rescheduled for 8th 9th 10th June. The Astronomer (a visit to the Kingaroy Observatory is planned) has advised these dates will be good to view the Milky Way, Jupiter and Saturn.

Please Note: For 2018—If you have an idea for a drive any social event—You don't have to be a committee member to organise a drive for members. All contributions are very welcome. Why not give it a go.

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Date claimers



-  **12th November** —St Helena Cruise has been rescheduled from September due to weather. (See page 3)
-  **21st November** Register Meeting & JDCQ AGM at Col Galley's Aspley start 7.30pm start (see page 2)
-  **26th November** Register Christmas Party—(see page 3)
-  **30th January** Brisbane Regional Register AGM —Yeronga Services Club (see page 2)
-  **8th & 9th June** Bunya/Kingaroy Drive/Walk rescheduled from October due to weather and muddy venues

Please Note

There will be no Cat Chat for December due to the holiday but it will be back in January.

Upcoming events

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Cruise to St Helena

Sunday 12th November

Captain Jim from Brisbane Cruises cancelled the cruise planned in September due to strong winds making it difficult to moor up to the Jetty at St Helena.

This means you have a 2nd chance to sit back and relax and enjoy the Brisbane River followed by a tour of this interesting Island as well as hearing about its historical past. See page 3



Brisbane Regional Christmas Party

Sunday 26th November

Ipswich Turf club Cost \$57 More details on flyer page 3



JDCQ AGM and Brisbane Register Meeting

21st November - Col Galley's , 153a Kirby Rd, Aspley 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

Ian and Jeanette Lind have booked tables at the Kedron Wavell Services Club at 5.30pm for those who wish to enjoy dinner before the meeting. The Dinner will be in the café room not the Buffet room.

We need to be at Col Galley's for a 7.00pm arrival (for a look at Col Galley's collection before the meeting) for a 7.30pm start to the meeting. If you would like to join Ian and Jeanette beforehand please call on 0438 629 598 to add your name to the booking.



Brisbane Regional Register Meeting

30th January—Yeronga Services club—see notice page 5



Three-day drive and walk – Kingaroy and the Bunya Mountains Drive/Walk postponed due to weather rescheduled to 8th, 9th 10th June 2018

Friday 8th, 9th 10th June —These dates have been chosen in consultation with the Astronomer. Good for viewing the Milky Way, Jupiter and Saturn. More advertising will take place closer to the date. For more information Phone Phil and Ruth 0418188090 0412187130



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



Come for a drive to the Brisbane Register's Christmas Party

- * Sunday 26th November
- * 11.30am
- * Ipswich Turf Club
- * 219 Brisbane Rd
Bundamba

Thank you to Lloyd and Lorraine Anderson for organising this function and liaising with the Ipswich Turf Club

On Arrival -

- * Drinks and Canapés pre-lunch
 - * Main course lunch—two course alternate drop
 - * Dessert—two course alternate drop
 - * Tea and Coffee
 - * Win a Jaguar for the weekend
 - * Christmas Hampers to be won
- Cost: \$57 (same as last year)

Pre payment by direct deposit before the 6th November to: The Jaguar Drivers Club of QLD Inc (include surname as a reference) BSB 484 799 Acc No 50617953 or cheques made Payable to Jaguar Drivers Club QLD Inc & write "Brisbane Register Account Christmas Party" on the reverse then post to : Brisbane Register JDCQ c/- 3621/30 Hollins Cres New Farm Q 4005

Also RSVP 6th November by phoning or emailing your acceptance and any dietary requirements to : joy.cooper@cooperation.com.au 07 32542880

Be early as numbers are limited



Enjoy a River and Day Cruise on board the "Lady Brisbane" to St Helena Penal Settlement
Sun 12th November

To book and pay go online to Brisbane Cruises <https://brisbanecruises.rezdy.com/122193/st-helena-island-sunday-tours-newstead-departure>

or phone (07) 3630 2666 or email Brisbane Cruises at info@brisbanecruises.com.au

Please RSVP just so we have some idea of numbers and who is coming.

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Jaguar Drivers Club of Queensland—Brisbane Register

Come and explore Queensland's first penal settlement St Helena which is only 6km SE of the Brisbane river mouth. A tour guide will take you back in time with a gentle 2 km walk as we visit the 100 year old ruins of the Goal. The cruise includes lunch and morning and afternoon tea and costs \$65 .

7 hours in total and departs from Newstead House at 9am and returns at 4pm.

Although members of the Jag club will be on board we will not have sole use of the boat

Step 1 book your spot through the website or phone.

Step 2 RSVP to Phil and Ruth



Your Club needs you! Please consider.

Why not enjoy the challenge and become more involved and make it easier to have your say?



- All committee positions for the Brisbane Regional Register will become vacant at its AGM on 30th January, 2018
- Would you like to have more say in the direction of your Register and help plan future events and drives?
- Positions available will be Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, General Committee Members, Cat Chat compiler.
- Please consider volunteering for any one of these positions. To register your interest in advance please email Joy Cooper at joy.cooper@cooperation.com.au or speak up at the Meeting on 21st November.

Did you know.....

Count Louis Zborowski 1895—1924

written by Phil Sperryn

So recalling my school chum, Parry Thomas, (last month's Cat Chat) had bought his LSR car from the Estate of the Late Count Louis Zborowski who had died at the Monza Race track in 1924 at 29 years of age.

So who was the Count? Not an ordinary chap by any "account" (get it)? Despite the name he was born in very posh Mayfair, London in 1895. His father was Count Elliot Zborowski, Polish and mother Margaret, American. Fortuitously, Margaret was of the Astor family and came with a considerable fortune.



Papa Elliot died in a racing car accident in 1903. Mamma Margaret bought the country home Higham Park Estate in 1910 but unfortunately died the next year. In 1911 young Louis inherited and at the age of 16 was the 4th wealthiest under 21 year old in the world !!

And what does a very rich young man do in the 1920's? Well, spend money and go motor racing. He invested in Aston Martin and as a patron was allowed to race their cars at Brooklands and the French GP of 1923.



Note the shredded Tyre after a high speed run

The direct method of making a car go faster in the Edwardian era was to put in a larger engine. However racing authorities began to dictate engine size to compete in various formulae i.e. the 4.5 ltr. Grand Prix models of 1914. Brooklands however ran a different formula system based on handicapping. Here was one race track where capacity was still king.

After WWI war surplus aero engines were readily available and in 1921 a new car graced the Brooklands track. Louis Zborowski and engineer Clive Gallop had been busy in the out buildings of the Higham Estate squeezing a 6 cylinder Maybach Zeppelin aero engine into a pre war Mercedes chassis. 23 litres into 6 cylinders makes for pretty big pots!

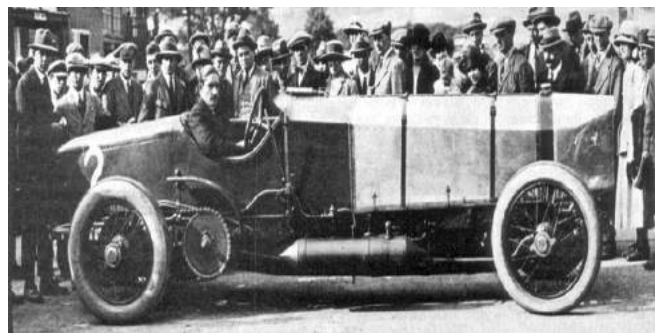
The Brooklands authorities asked for the car to be named and Zborowski put the name "Cascara Sagrada" on the paperwork. For some reason (Cascara Sagrada is a natural laxative) the name was rejected. Young Louis tried the new name "Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang" derived from the chorus line of a rather fruity officer's mess drinking song. Evidently the Brooklands committee had been drinking in the wrong mess as the name was accepted. Walt Disney would have been horrified!

Chitty's first race at the 1921 Brooklands Easter meeting saw the car carrying 7cwt of sand in the back of the car to counter balance a nose heavy tendency! However she lead from start to finish averaging 100.75 MPH. So impressed was the Count with Chitty I that Chitty II and III were built. Numbers II and III embarked on a continental trip though France to Nice then shipped to Algeria and on to the Sahara Desert. At around 10 MPG fuel stops must have taken much planning.

Back home another monster was taking shape. The 27 litre "Higham Special" but in its original form the car proved unreliable and suffered from excessive chassis flexing.

After the count's death, this car was sold to Parry Thomas and re-engineered to become BABS.

That as we know is another story!



Chitty Chitty Bang Bang I

PS Rumour has it that his father's crash was caused by his cufflinks catching in the car's hand throttle. Louis died wearing the same cufflinks.

NOTE

AGM Brisbane Regional Register

Date : 30th January 2018

Place: Yeronga Services Club, 391 Fairfield Rd, Yeronga.

Time: 7.30pm

Guest Speaker: Darryl Binch, Senior Leather Technician, from Leather Finishing Products Australia (recommended by Ray Hodges) . Darryl is an expert of leather products, knowledge and solutions for Jaguar Cars and also for your leather lounge. Darryl will be demonstrating Vinyl repair.

Please email your questions for Darryl in advance to Joy Cooper at joy.cooper@cooperation.com.au or by phone 0419 732 091 by 31st December 2017.

Expressions of interest please:

Ian and Jeanette Lind would like expressions of interest for a trip to Sydney Harbour to see the "Opera on the Harbour" to enjoy "La Boheme" (student love in a Paris winter). The event is a spectacular under the stars event and features food, singing and fireworks and takes place on 23rd to 28th March. The night of attendance is 27th March 2018. Seats are \$100 (a saving of \$168). Interested parties are to organize their own flights to Sydney to suit their own schedules and airlines preferences. One of the members knows of a great hotel with harbour views and we can co-ordinate accommodation at the same hotel. Contact Ian or Jeanette Lind if you wish to come—phone and email contact on page 1.



Expressions of interest please :

Ruth & Phil would like to gauge the interest in cruising from Brisbane to Melbourne for the Melbourne Cup with P & O on the Pacific Dawn 3—10th November 2018. Each person would need to book their own cruise but to give you an idea of the price, a Melbourne travel agent is quoting.

Twin share—window cabin \$1662 pp

Twin Share— Balcony cabin—\$2234 pp

This price includes accommodation and meals on board and general entry to the Melbourne Cup and a Tramcar breakfast with unlimited drinks on the morning of the cup (tram drops you off at Flemington) Extra costs would be drinks on board the ship and grandstand entry if you prefer (this year the grandstand costs \$260 per person) .

Please email your interest to phil.ruthb@gmail.com

