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The Scenic Tweed Valley

Tweed Valley 3 day drive - A great success!

Twenty four JDCQ members from the Brisbane and Sunshine Coast Registers spent a very well organised and enjoyable weekend away in the Tweed Valley from Friday 27th to Sunday 29th September. Phil and Ruth had researched extensively and provided detailed driving directions for the scenic roads and of course the obligatory morning tea and lunch stops. There was no need to drive to the evening dinners as transport was provided.



Our cars displayed in front of Mavis's Kitchen, Mt Warning

At the meeting point in Logan Village, Phil and Ruth briefed the group and handed out bags containing maps and directions for the weekend plus goodies to ease hunger pangs between food stops. First stop was the Hinze Dam where we were given a talk on the history of the dam and its role in the SEQ water grid before morning tea. Then a drive to Natural Bridge to walk off morning tea at this picturesque location. Next a 30 minute drive over winding scenic roads to Flutterbies café at Tyalgum for lunch before driving to our accommodation in Murwillumbah on the banks of the Tweed River. A shuttle bus transported us to the Riverview Hotel for the evening meal and we were back at the motel in time to watch one's preferred football code.



Cruising on the Tweed River (with a seafood dinner)

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Saturday was a day for enjoying the roads and the scenery (plus food of course!). Iconic Mount Warning would often suddenly appear through the windscreen as the road wound through the hills and valleys. The weather was perfect and the country looks to have had more rain than Qld. The routes chosen by Phil and Ruth reflected the 'Drivers' component of the JDCQ club name. Even though the speed limit was mostly 80 k the winding roads were still very enjoyable in a Jaguar. After Devonshire Tea at Mavis' Kitchen at Mount Warning we left civilisation to visit Nimbin for a walk around the main street and lunch at the hotel. The roads were not as good around Nimbin with lots of POT holes but that's understandable. After lunch we drove to Cram's Farm on the waters of the Clarrie Hall Dam for a scenic stop and welcome refreshments extracted from the back of Phil and Ruth's E-type. Then back to the motel to freshen up before the river cruise which included a very tasty seafood dinner. All in all, a very pleasant evening on the river with lots of bird life and an interesting commentary from the crew.



Our intrepid adventurers visiting the sugar Mill

After checking out of the motel on Sunday we took the scenic route to the Tweed Valley Whey Farmhouse Cheese located (where else but) on Tweed Valley Way at Burringbar. An interesting talk and product tasting from one of the owners resulted in many purchases before departure. The direct route was taken back to Murwillumbah where some visited the Tweed Regional Gallery and others did a tour of the Condong sugar mill. It was then of course time for lunch at the House of Gabriel in Tumbulgum. A lovely venue with great food and highly recommended. Participants could then depart in their own time to return home, either via Numinbah valley or through the traffic jams at Currumbin.

Truly a great weekend due to the efforts of the organisers, Phil and Ruth, which showcased the scenery and attractions of the Tweed Valley. Club members who do not participate in organised events such as this one don't know what they are missing.

Words by Barry Cooper



That view for Breakfast



A beautiful rainforest walk at Natural Bridge



Phil produces a surprise in the way of champagne from the back of the Etype at the scenic park which is Cram's farm

Upcoming events



Date Claimers

- * **Thurs 31st Oct**— Chassis Register lunch. More info pg 7
- * **Tues 5th Nov**—Tickets to "Chicago" the musical more info Pg 7. **sorry now closed**
- * **Thurs 7th Nov**—Drive to see the Summer Land Camels—**almost sold out— be quick.** See pg 4
- * **Tues 12th Nov** - Brisbane Register General Meeting to follow JDCQ AGM at Yeronga Services Club starting at 7.30pm. See page 4 of Jaguar Driver magazine for JDCQ AGM details.
- * **Sun 24th Nov**—Brisbane Register Christmas Party - upstairs at the Belvedere Hotel, Woody Point. **Its time to pay.!** A few more spots available but filling up. More info pg 5 **Email your dietary requirements now to phil.ruthb@gmail.com**
- * Committee and Brisbane Register recessed for December and January.
- * **Tues 11th Feb**—Brisbane Register AGM— Yeronga Services Club. 391 Fairfield Rd, Yeronga. New committee elected more info pg 8
- * **Fri Sat Sun 1st, 2nd & 3rd May** - 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. Only 3 rooms remaining at the time of publication. (Motels will only take bookings for 3 nights).

Country Drive to Summer Land Camel Farm at Harrisville for tour and lunch.

Thursday 7th November

\$45



Meet at Rocks Riverside Parklands
(531 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd,
Seventeen Mile Rocks) at 9.00am

Drive in the country arriving
Harrisville at 10.35am

Tour at 10.45am

Lunch at 12.15pm

Finish at 2.00pm


Please note: it is vital we that we get at least 25 people committed to this drive or unfortunately it can not go ahead—so please RSVP to Neil by 9th October and pay by 1st November—details below.



*Those eyelashes have to be seen to
be believed*

Pre-payment by direct deposit before the 1st November to: The Jaguar Drivers Club of QLD Inc (include "surname Camel" as a reference) BSB 484 799 Acc No 506117953 or cheques made payable to "Jaguar Drivers Club QLD Inc" & write "Brisbane Register Account Camel Drive" on the reverse then post to : Brisbane Register JDCQ, C/- PO Box 6132, Fairfield Gardens Qld 4103

Also RSVP no later than 5pm Wed 9th October to
Neil Summersonemail nesjas@bigpond.net.au or
phone 0419273296



Jaguar Drivers Club of Qld Brisbane Register

Christmas Party

The Belvedere

First built in 1890 then converted to a pub in 1901.
(upstairs with beautiful views of Bramble Bay)

Sunday 24th November - 11.45 am

Cnr Oxley Ave & Woodcliffe Cres
Woody Point

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 506117953 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/- PO Box 6132, Fairfield Gardens Qld 4103

Also RSVP 6th November by phoning or emailing your acceptance and any dietary requirements to: Phil Sperryn phil.ruthb@gmail.com or 0412187130

On Arrival-

- Welcome drink
- Canapés pre-lunch
- Main Course lunch – alternate drop
- Dessert – tasting board of sweet treats
- \$60

**Its time
to pay !**

RSVP to phil.ruthb@gmail.com

Please Note: If you advised that you are coming to the Christmas Party and have special dietary requirement—Please let us know now. Phil **Phil.ruthb@gmail.com or 0418188090**

Did you Know.....

Lamborghini—a special restoration project

Ferruccio Lamborghini— born 1916 into a farming family in the wine producing area of Northern Italy. As a young lad his interest was more taken to fixing the farm machinery then growing the grapes. Later having studied at a technical college near Bologna he was drafted into the Air Force as a mechanic during wartime. He was serving on the Island of Rhodes and taken prisoner when the island fell to the British in 1943.

After the war years Italy embarked on rebuilding its economy through agriculture and industry. Mr Lamborghini saw his opportunity

and started to build tractors using ex military parts. The engines were based on 6 cylinder petrol engines from Morris trucks, modified to start on petrol then run on much cheaper diesel. The tractors proved the best to be had in Italy and orders poured in. Lamborghini expanded the business by opening a factory making oil heaters also progressing to air-conditioning units. He became a very, very wealthy industrialist and enjoyed his motors cars. He had a stable of cars and used a different one every day of the week. One of which, of course was an E Type Jaguar.

In his possession were many Ferraris with which he became frustrated by unreliability and lack lustre after sales service. To him the Ferraris were repurposed track cars that had harsh, poor quality interiors so he took his complaints to Enzo Ferrari himself but was dismissed with the put down that he would not know much about fast cars being only a tractor manufacturer. "Right" thought Lamborghini "I will build a proper luxury touring car myself". The raging bull was born!

In 1968 Lamborghini sought the ultimate toy. A Riva Aquarama, a very fast wooden power boat, not with standard engines but with his own Lamborghini V12s from the Espada road car. The boat became a cherished possession for over 20 years then it was eventually sold to a very good friend Angelo Merli. The new owner worried about maintenance costs for the those very expensive V12's and replaced them with standard Riva fitted GMV8's .

In 2002 the owner passed away and the boat was forgotten. In 2010 it was discovered under a tarpaulin in a back yard in Punta Italy. A prominent Dutch restorer/collector was advised and he negotiated its purchase. The boat was shipped to a Riva specialist company in the Netherlands for a 3 year restoration. Two replacement Lamborghini V12 engines were *cont.*



sourced, restored and modified for better performance in a marine environment. Capacity increased from a 4 litre to 5.5 litre. Revs reduced to 6,600 max and incredibly one engine to run in the opposite direction to the other to balance the thrust for straight line speed.

Many trips to Italy were enjoyed by the restoration team. The Lamborghini Museum has the original engines and they were partially disassembled to recreate parts for the new engines. The whole restoration project should be safe for a while under 25 layers of marine grade timber varnish. A stunning classic vessel.

Words by Phil Sperry



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.

WELCOME TO NEW BRISBANE REGISTER MEMBERS

Robert & Patrice Kuyer

Richard & Debra Graham

Graham Tronc & Fiona Monaghan

Welcome

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 October 31st
Enquiries **Lloyd Andersen 32948960**

CHICAGO

Tickets have been arranged by Jeanette Lind for this wonderful musical at the Lyric Theatre 5th November 2019 -
— \$90 pp. (a reduction of \$20) (note—melb cup day)

20 tickets have been booked so claim your seat now.



The longest running American musical in Broadway & West End History Roxie rocks Brisbane & "All—that—Jazz" Opens November 1st Lyric Theatre QPAC. "The sharpest, slickest show on the Block" The Times U.K.

6 Tony Awards, Grammy, 2 Olivier, 2 Helpman Awards

Pre-payment by direct deposit before the 15th August to:
The Jaguar Drivers Club of QLD Inc (include surname & Chicago as a reference) BSB 484 799 Acc No 506117953 or cheques made Payable to "Jaguar Drivers Club QLD Inc" & write "Brisbane Register Chicago" on the reverse then post to:
Brisbane Register JDCQ, c/- 3621/30 Hollins Cres, New Farm Q 4005

Brisbane Regional Committee needs you!



The year is drawing to an end after a very successful and event filled 12 months .
The AGM will be held in February and we need a new committee to be elected .

Why not make your opinion mean something? Have your say into how to run the register and decide its activities.

At the Brisbane Regional Register AGM on 11th February—all Committee positions will be declared vacant but don't wait until the meeting to pre-register. Please! we need your contribution as a committee member.

To register early or for more information please phone Lloyd Andersen 32948960 or Joy Cooper 0419732091 now.

Cat Chat Compiler needed!

Make this fine publication your own and at the same time learn new skills.

This is a job you can do at home in our own time whenever you have spare minutes in the day. Tuition will be given if necessary. It would be sad to see the Cat Chat cease.

More info from Ruth Bodey 0418188090

