

GOLD COAST JAGUAR
TORQUE



April 2013



Upcoming Club Events

Lakeside MacLeans Bridge

The next event organised will be a trip to the Car Display and Concours at Lakeside Raceway north of Brisbane. We will travel via the Brisbane Entertainment Centre to meet up with the Brisbane Register members.

Date: Sunday 19th May

Where: Lakeside Raceway.

Meet at: BP Garage Oxenford 6.15am for 6.30am departure.

Cost: \$20 to register car & driver on website. \$10 each extra person at gate.

Children under 12Y free. Refer to website - [http:// macleansbridge.com](http://macleansbridge.com)

Bring your own morning tea, lunch, drinks, table and chairs.

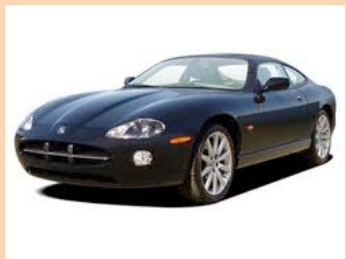
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**2013 National Rally
Wollongong NSW**

From the Chairman

The idea was to write this after the Jaguar Rally in Wollongong over Easter. However as I do not have a lap-top and cannot be sure of sending this to the Editor on time it will be a prelude.

Firstly it was sad to hear that Brian Rowse had passed away. Your club sent a big bunch of red roses, which were sent home with Margaret after the funeral. Lorraine and I attended the service. There were some forty members there and the family. Many shiny Jaguars graced the area also. Brian was a Life Member and a Foundation Member of the JDCQ.

Your new secretary and your editor have and are going to put a lot of effort into placing our news and future events in the Jaguar Driver to keep our new before other Registers. Our efforts to round up some fellow members to join with us on the run South do not seem to have worked, most leaving earlier to visit family and friends on the way. The Novatel is fully booked out for the event and will be the hub for all the events. The Post Rally Tour has a lot of entrants and promises to be a lot of fun being centred in the Blue Mountains.

After all the festivities we shall tour South, into NE Victoria. Just hope that the fires down there have not blackened things too much and there are still some autumn tints to enjoy. Ian Ashley entertained us at the meeting and his wife came along to help with the supper and coffees. Andrew Jackson, I understand, has returned to Sydney for family reasons. So we will see more of Ian in the future. Andrew handed out some excellent promotional material on the F Type and the real thing should be here on the Coast by September. Beginning at around \$150K there should be good demand for it.

Do hope that you have good weather for George Frame's Picnic Day in April, he has planned it well.

John Hornabrook

Ed. John Hornabrook became ill during the rally and ended up in hospital while touring further afield. We all wish John well and a speedy recovery.



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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING MARCH 2013

JAGUAR DRIVERS CLUB OF QUEENSLAND INC. GOLD COAST REGISTER

Location: Meeting held at Sunshine Jaguar 179 Nerang St. Southport.

Date: 25th March 2013 – Meeting opened at 7.30 pm by Chairman Mr. John Hornabrook.

Attendance: 19 as per signed Attendance Sheet.

The meeting opened with the Chair inviting Ian Ashley from Sunshine Jaguar to give a short update on several new models they have in their in their showroom. The 2 four cylinder models were selling well, with a stunning Ivory with black wheels and accents XF 2.0 petrol turbo model selling to one lucky couple on the night. These vehicles are stunning to drive and the performance surprises all who are used to heavier iron under the bonnet. Members were invited to test drive any of the cars on the floor, and Ian made mention of a lovely condition Westminster Blue with Oatmeal 1994 X300 they have on consignment and was available for around the \$15,000.

Apologies: John and Marilyn Porter, Tom and Irene Ross, Stewart Dawson, Ray Le Gassick, Kurt and Ingrid Lindner, Dick and Lorraine Kennedy, Joan Tracy, David and Ruth Wilmot, Ian and Fran Ritchie, Norma Frame.

Guests: Nil

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of Previous meeting were taken as read and as published in the previous Torque magazine of our Gold Coast register.

Moved by Steve Duncan, seconded by Rob Kup-Ferroth.

Treasurer's Report:

The current total account balance is \$16,230.62 with interest this month of \$136.01. It was suggested by members from the floor that the Treasurer might explore some Interest Bearing Deposits (IBD's) with a better return. Ron Gaudion moved that \$8,000 be moved to a higher interest account, seconded by George Frame and Steve Duncan. The treasurer will investigate options and report back next meeting.

Correspondence:

Inwards - 2 copies of the March 2013 Queensland Jaguar Driver, and the annual account invoice for the PO Box from Australia Post.

Outwards – Nil

Past Events: George Frame kindly volunteered to give a short talk on our breakfast event to Canungra. A pleasant drive was followed by an excellent menu which was served promptly and priced fairly. Some of the ladies had a wander around the shops and not a few bikers stopped to admire our lovely Cats.

Future Events: April 14th 8.45am for a 9.00am departure from Arthur Earle Park up to the Springbrook Scuttlebutt Restaurant. The journey will take in Purlingbrook Falls, the Tweed Coast Road, around through Kingscliff and returning through Pottsville. George suggests bringing your own camp chairs, food and drinks, and the round trip, taking in all the sights will be 175kms.

Derek McConnell and Graeme Dwyer handed out some brochures of the Macleans Bridge Display and Concourse event for mid-May this year, and members are directed to the website to register individually. We will be leaving in convoy from BP Oxenford at 6.15 for a 6.30 departure for those interested, and then meeting up with the Brisbane clan at the Entertainment Centre for a short drive and Grand Entrance and parking for 8.00am start.

The Chairman's Getaway weekend is well into the planning stages and eagerly anticipated. It will be held over two nights, after a consensus that one night away might not cut it.

Cars, Parts, Library: Nothing to report.

Editor: Rob Kup-Ferroth advised the Torque magazine can now be read on the JDCQ web page.

General Business: Ron Gaudion gave the Chair a sample brochure that has been used previously to leave under windscreens of Jaguars telling them about our club. The secretary is to investigate the modernisation of the brochure for distribution to members to hand out to Jaguar owners during their daily travels.

After some discussion it was moved that the Secretary send in some of our story material to the Qld Jaguar Driver magazine, to let other registers know what we are up to. Moved Gwen Howlett, Seconded Ron Gaudion – Carried

Raffle: Winners - Derek McConnell, Ron Gaudion, Wes Evers.

A special thanks to Chris Miers this month for providing the beautiful Easter Egg raffle prizes, along with some fine wine decorated in an Easter theme. A special thanks also to Lorraine Hornabrook for taking over the raffle duties while the vice chair was standing in for the secretary.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm and Chairman John thanked Sunshine Jaguar for providing the venue and the supper.

National Rally Wollongong 2013

After leaving the Gold Coast we experienced varied weather and road conditions travelling down the coast. Debbie Duncan sent a text message to watch out for the roadworks and she wasn't exaggerating – all the way to Port Macquarie roads were under repair and reconstruction. Arriving at the Novatel Wollongong on the Thursday we were greeted at reception with efficient staff and a friendly atmosphere. Car parking was organised, and many of us took off to wash the cars at the local Car Lovers. Friday being the first day of the event saw a stream of beautiful Jaguars filing into the underground carpark, and many delegates gathered in the lounge bar to catch up with old friends. Drinks and finger food was served in the evening on the entertainment deck, and we met many new friends who loved to talk about cars and Jaguars.

After an early breakfast we drove to the display area located near the lighthouse on Flagstaff Hill. Stunning views and weather to match greeted the entrants and we spent all morning wandering amongst the cars and chatting to new friends. By mid-afternoon John Davis and I thought we might go and rescue the ladies from the fashion parade – (or was that to drag them out of the shopping mall) so we left the display day to repair to the bar. What a great day!

Then it was off to our Hawaiian night and it was loud shirts and grass skirts to the fore! (Photos tell the story). We had a great table, the food and drinks were sensational, and everyone had a great time. Elvis was, well Elvis, and the ladies thought he was a bit of all right!

On Sunday we elected to go on the Museum tour to the HARS Aviation Museum and the Australian Motorlife Museum with about 35 others. The exhibits were fascinating and with several tour guides to take us around, well organised. A barby lunch was provided at the Auto Museum and we dispersed after that to prepare for the Presentation Dinner. The Presentation Dinner saw everyone dressed to the nines and Bryan White took Gold in the Concours D'Elegance event for his stunningly prepared XK8. Congratulations Bryan – you must need a bigger trophy cabinet by now – well done.

National Rally (Cont.)

Of course there were other just breathtaking cars there as well, and as always with these events where Jaguars are involved one always mentally chooses a favourite that you would like to drive home in. Not necessarily a Concour car, but the one you would just love to 'have'. Rod Greasley's SS Drophead Coupe was truly a masterpiece, the black with yellow Mk IV timeless in its design and bearing, Grant Jarick's immaculate MK VII, or maybe I could have Ray Lopez' award winning XJS Convertible. There were so many beautiful stunning cars to secretly choose from, but the one that I would take home was Eldon Smith's sinister, mysterious, historic 1940 SS Saloon.

Graeme Dwyer

April Event – From the Mountains to the Sea

The April event looked a bit doubtful after the heavy rain on Saturday, but Sunday turned out to be a perfect sunny Autumn day. George and Norma Frame organised a great drive up through the Gold Coast hinterland to a delightful morning tea at the Scuttlebutt Café at Springbrook. After viewing the Purlingbrook Falls we headed back down the mountain and on to the Tweed Coast with a scenic drive through Kingscliff, Cabarita Beach, Bogangar, Hastings Point and ending up at Pottsville where we all settled down to lunch and a bit of a chinwag. We had eleven cars on the run including two early XJs, a Mk2 and an X Type, an XF, three XK8s and some later model XJs. Thanks to George and Norma for a great day out travelling through country ranging from rainforests to beaches.

Editor



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Next Meeting

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