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FROM THE CHAIRMAN .. *Lindsay Price*

Hello All and Happy New Year

With 2017 ahead of us we have plenty of interesting outings planned for the year. 2016 ended with the Sunshine Coast Register Christmas party. It was held at the Green Zebra at Parrearra. Apart from a great location and scrumptious meal we had a magician performing card tricks which were truly amazing. This is one man you would be advised to avoid in a poker game.

Tony Herald made various presentations which I will not cover as Tony has mentioned them in the next Jaguar Drivers Magazine

Our next outing is the Australia Day meeting at Cormorant Bay Wivenhoe Dam with the Brisbane Register. Look forward to seeing you there.

Over the past couple of months, I have received several requests from people wanting Jaguars for various purposes. These range from school formals and advertising back drops to in two instances for people who have terminal illness and have always wanted a drive in a Jaguar. If this is a reflection of how people regard Jaguars, we as owners have a standard to maintain. One man wanted to ride in an E Type and he was put in touch with owners. The other wanted a run in a pre 1950s model. I had arranged to take him in my 1934 Daimler straight 8 but unfortunately he passed away before I was able to take him for the run. I know there are laws regarding the use of vehicles for hire but doing a favor just for the enjoyment of it is something else.

It also looks like an exciting year for Jaguar. The company has reentered racing and has entered cars in the Formula E class. These are electric race cars and look to have a promising future.

Jaguar have also announced the I Pace. Keeping with the F Pace theme this car promises to be very exciting. From the pictures, I have seen it is also quite attractive. No bland or weird shapes here. I spoke to a man who had a Tesla on display at the RACQ Motor fest last year. He pointed out that although the purchase price is high remember you are paying for most of the running costs at the same time.

His fuel bill was \$50 per week it is now \$5. I asked about the fuel tax and he said at this stage there is none but you can bet everything you have the Government will find a way of applying road tax.

Until next time Stay Safe

Lindsay Price

Chairman

TRIP NOTES

Sunday 20 November Run Yandina to Glenview by *Charlie Provis*
Wendy and Stu Gross Directors

Ahhh now I get it, the snarl, you know the one from the ad.

"Sounds expensive doesn't it?" I was behind Marg and Joe Day for a while and knowing only a little about their fleet of classic cars.....the XK in front undoubtedly did cost a penny or two, but goddam it sounds fabulous.

That was to be just part of the experience that was the Wendy and Stu "spectacular" on Sunday November 20th. The booming voice from the Mayor of Michigan has no problem ensuring quiet in a crowd of 38 enthusiastic, noisy run participants. We had 18 cars, all Jaguars save a Vanguard from the fifties, resplendent in Matte black. Now that has to be a challenge ensuring that it's going to get plenty of stick keeping the spirited Jags in sight.

After the do's and don'ts the first car out was the Gross XKR, followed by 14 cars whose designation also started with an "X", 2 with only the letter "E", one Mk2 and the afore mentioned Vanguard. I was *tail-end* because I had the other radio...not because my moniker is.....you know.

The instructions were classic Gross in that they were emphatically correct, difficult to misinterpret and inclusive of stick diagrams with mileages. Did I mention that Wendy was a school principal?

For a big field and particularly considering we traversed Nambour (way too many traffic lights), there was surprisingly little drama. Mornos was at Wappa Dam where I met John Herbert. To be more accurate I cornered him and Debbie giving them almost no time to consume bikkies and coffee He is font of knowledge about all things XJR that are currently besieging me. You know the saying about British engineering excellence.....and then there is the wiring in my Jaguar?



Wendy did what Wendy does and brings enough food for 300 which she distributed



generously. I had the cherry ripe cake which was very yummy. I would have had seconds, but I was talking too much. Leaving Wappa to the evidently very well fed scrub turkeys we saddled up and recommenced going sideways over the speed humps trying to save any undercarriages a little lower than the maker intended. I have been this way before in our M.G and can only deduce that the council designer of these monoliths was perchance seconded from building the wall on the dam below.

One of our E-Type brethren decided on taking the direct route to lunch due to overheating. There is room for conjecture as to whether the trigger point was preservation of the engine or the relationship. Perhaps somebody can enlighten us at a later stage.

Flying solo for the day, I was doing a fine job (self-ingratiation) of juggling run-sheet, UHF and car. Somewhere on an incline I happened on Ian and Vicki McKinney in their very attractive Daimler coupe performing a brave U-turn. A quick exchange (incomprehensible so imagine nodding heads) confirmed all was well and we motored off in different directions. Isn't it just a little disconcerting when you say to yourself "why is he turning around...." Immediately afterwards the road turned to wide uphill sweepers with passing lanes. With transmission in sport mode and the blower howling I was having a ball. The road that I should have turned into was on the other side of two cars being overtaken....ah well, time for a short roadside stop whilst I deduce a short cut. Thus my narrative, which I know you are *entranced* with thus far, has a gap in it as I lamely transport with bowed head to the Glenview Gardens Country Resort.

At the lunch venue there appeared to be a problem with matching resources on hand to the 38 hungry people pouring across the verandah to the inside dining area. In fairness it's understood that the business has only just changed hands (Wendy told me to say that). The wait for lunch however was very unfortunate, particularly for the Gross's who had covered off on every controllable variable. In my experience car club lunches are as follows. Talk a lot....eat a bit....drink a lot then talk some more etc. On this occasion, there was for a while, a calorie controlled alternative. Suffice to say all was good within the limits of a long lunch.

Lindsay Price spoke enthusiastically about the quality of the event. We all clapped and refocused on the uneaten meal just delivered. Stu beamed and Wendy shuffled her feet. Before fork could make it to mouth, blow me down if Tony Herald didn't chime in with another truck load of plaudits. The aforementioned beaming and shuffling intensified. If anybody else was going to speak they wisely thought better of it.

If when reading this you recall the day, then the right choice was made to attend the event. Maybe you had something else on; this time of year is like that. So the next time you see that the Gross family is conducting an event maybe you will come along and swell what must be some sort of record for attendance.

Cheers Charlie Provis

Attendees were as below

Stu & Wendy Gross
Merv & Lyn Jackson
Peter & Holly Morgan
Ken & Helen Parmenter
Phil Sperryn & Ruth Bodey
Tony & Karen Herald
Charlie Provis
Bernard & Rita Smith
Michael and Marilyn Keating
Richard & Lynn Hausmann
Lindsay Price
Barry & Lynn Shaw
Bob & Jackie Gray
Henry Crun
John & Debbie Herbert
Ian & Vicki McKinney
Eric & Narelle Greentree



Joe & Margaret Day
Arthur & Linda Robinson
David Lewis and Lee Stuart
Col Willy Lee

For those of you who enjoyed Wendy's cake and wanted the recipe -

Easy Peasy (and adaptable) Cake Recipe.

A number of people attending our run on November 20th really liked the Cherry Ripe Cake I made and I promised to share the recipe.

This is my go-to cake when I don't want to or don't have time to fuss.

The basic recipe is:-

Ingredients

½ cup butter/margarine

1 ¼ cups of sugar

2 eggs

1 ¾ cups SR Flour

½ teas carb soda

1 teas vanilla

1 cup milk

Method:

Spray and line a standard size cake pan.

Preheat oven to 160 fan forced.

Place all the ingredients in a food processor and blitz well

Pour into pan

Bake for about an hour.

Comments

- I have used gluten free flour but I would suggest a little more raising agent as it tends to be a flatter cake.
- I've used low fat, full fat, soy, almond and rice milk. All work well.
- To make a basic chocolate cake, add a generous 2 tabs of good cocoa powder before blitzing
- The cake I made included a good handful of dried cherries added after blitzing the chocolate cake mix and then iced with a basic coconut icing.
- I've added spice to the mix and then a generous handful of sultanas after blitzing.
- It does tend to dry out fairly quickly but since it is fast to make should be baked at the most the day before needed.

ENJOY

Wendy

Christmas lunch at the Green Zebra





NEW MEMBERS

A very warm Jaguar welcome to our new members -

John & Lea Warren who have a red 1963 MKII

JAGUAR NEWS

Gorgeous I-Pace Concept thrusts Jaguar into electric future. Will the I-Pace throw a cat among the pigeons when it launches in 2018?

I-Pace Specs



2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

26 Jan – Australia Day Picnic organised by JDCQ at Cormorant Bay.
Lindsay H: 5494 7930 M: 0414 622 781 E: lindsu@outlook.com

18 Feb – Mooloolaba Sunset Cruise
90 minute cruise on the Mooloolaba Harbour, River and Canals
Fish and chips
Entertaining commentary of the local area
Fully licensed bar
Meeting at Mooloolaba Wharf at 5.00pm for a 5.30 departure
\$38 pp including fish and chip dinner
Please contact Corrie Parkinson Ph: 0417 471 911
E: bcparki@bigpond.net.au RSVP as soon as possible

The Coastal Cruises Mooloolaba picks you up from the Wharf at Mooloolaba, takes you out to the river mouth first to enjoy sensational, scenic views right down to Noosa the headland. Stops next at the local Mooloolaba fish markets to pick up the fresh catch of the day and then continues on a nice leisurely cruise down through the bottom section of the Mooloolah River, Harbour and Canals.

19 Mar – Workshop visit to Classic Ridz and lunch at Brightwater Hotel

24-27 Mar – 2017 National Rally Port Stephens
<http://www.jaguarnationalrally2017.org.au/>

07 May Stu & Wendy

21 May – Toogoolawah Run with skydiving demonstration and lunch at the golf club.

18 Jun – Imbil Run

21 – 23 Jul - Jazz and Jumpers Warwick

22 July – Opera at Jimbour