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What's been happening in October

Jaguar the Art of Performance by Stu Gross

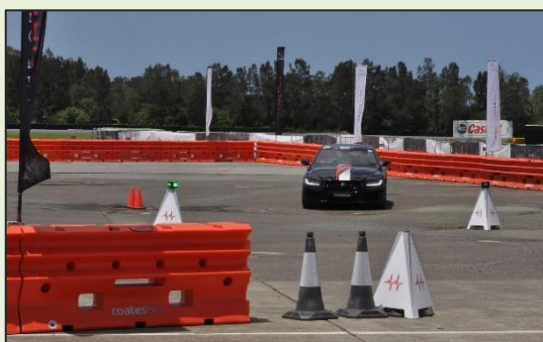
Quite a few of our members took up Jaguar Australia's invitation to this event. Everyone who went thought it was fabulous. I was one of them.



What a fantastic day! I arrived at the Norwell Motorplex (near Jacobs Well) at noon on Sunday, the 5th of November. My scheduled session was from 12:45-3:05pm.

Upon arrival I was given a tablet (iPad) in order to fill out my personal details, driver's licence info and accept Jaguar Australia's terms. This was basically a liability waiver stating that I would not hold Jaguar Australia responsible if I crashed and burned and that my organs would be donated to those in need.

Before my session began I was able to try my hand at the Gymkhana course in an XE. This course uses the new "Smart Cone" technology (really cool). I did pretty well for an old guy. I rode with an instructor who kept telling me "take it easy". I only placed 13th, but did manage to get my name on the board (see photo) which made me happy...



Then I did the 4WD course in a Range Rover. I still love playing in the mud!

When my session began we first went into a classroom and watched a presentation regarding safety on both the track and the road.

We were told that there wasn't anybody there who would try to sell us a car. The entire day was about showing us what these cars were capable of and giving us a chance to drive them.



Next, we donned helmets and got into our cars. My first laps around the track were done in a new XJ(R). We had professional drivers in the passenger's seat providing assistance regarding acceleration and braking around the course. Braking is very important when going around a turn in order to set up your next burst of speed down the straights.

After two or three laps we switched cars and I was able to drive a V8 powered F-type for a couple of laps. What a blast!

I thought I did fairly well going around the track. I hit 100-120kph down the straights, but my braking needs a bit of work.

Then I rode as a passenger with a professional driver. This was the best part of my day! I was hanging on for dear life as he went around the track at 180-200kph and drifting through the corners. It was scary! The closest thing I can relate it to is an amusement park ride.

We ended our session by going for a fifty-minute drive around the Jacobs Well area on public roads. We made a few stops in order to switch cars and drivers. We were able to experience the XF, F-Type and F-Pace. They are all fantastic cars to drive.

At the end of the day we were firm believers that no matter what model you drive, whether it be the XJ, XE, XF, F-Type or F-Pace, Jaguar only manufactures sports cars.



Good onya Jaguar Australia for a great day out!

Joe and Marg Day's Hinterland Hike (Mary Valley Run) ... By Wendy Gross

It **was** fine and sunny as 18 cars gathered at Aussie World. It was great to see Kay and Barry & Allan & Marie from the Darling Downs Register as well as Greg and Susan and Clive and Lee from the Morgan Club.



After the usual enjoyable chit chat and catching up, it was briefing time and then departure.



Our fearless leaders, Joe and Marg



After a short time on the Bruce, it was relaxing driving through the back of Eudlo, through Chevallum and Palmwoods then over Towen Mountain to Nambour. There was such beauty driving across a very green Blackall Range with swirls of mist in the valley. I'm sure I'm not the only member who has been on many runs through this countryside and not the only one who was amazed the Joe and Marg had found some roads here, and again after morning tea, that we've never travelled before.

To this point those in convertibles were having a ball and then the moody clouds which had added such atmosphere and colour contrast up to now decided it was time to rain. At Yandina we hit a red light and our fearless leaders hit the button to bring up their roof. Those with older technology had to be stoic a while longer.

After Bunya Rd and Eumundi -Kenilworth Rd, yet another new adventure, Moy's Pocket Rd. More stunning scenery but sadly the weather gods were becoming very angry. Even the redoubtable yellow Morgan had to give in and cover up. Greg and Susan had persevered for a very long time before succumbing, just 500 metres before the morning tea spot.



Lindsay and Susan were nice and dry as they supervised Greg and Susan..

While Greg and Susan definitely took the 'drowned rat' award on arrival at morning tea, everyone shared the dampness.



Morning tea at the Packing Shed Café in Brooloo allowed the things we do best; chat, eat and drink and support our club through raffles.

President and First Lady setting up!



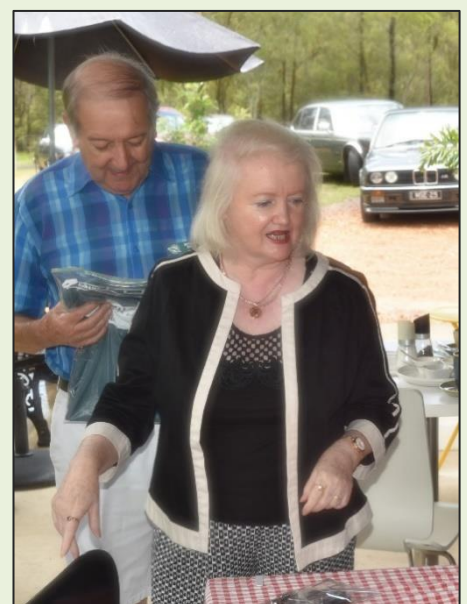
Run leader Marg is a winner



JDCQ President Tony is a winner



Rita chooses a new shirt for Bernie



Those who were a bit damp around the edges got to dry out, too, including the cars.

A great venue, with lovely views and the scones with local jams were delicious





The serious business of eating!

The scenic drive didn't end there. After morning tea we meandered through the Mary Valley, through Skyring Creek Rd , onto Cooroy Belli Creek Rd then Black Mountain Rd through Pomona to Cooroy and the Copperhead Brewery and Restaurant where we enjoyed good food, very good beer and more great company.



There was no sign that rain had dampened spirits. We got to sample some majestic, lush, interesting and spectacular country that morning and were made to realise we really do live very near God's own. Thank you Marg and Joe.

Photos- Stu Gross and Susan Price

FOR SALE JAGUAR S-TYPE 2005



Jaguar S-TYPE 3.0litre 2005 Well maintained with LOW kilometres Only travelled 31,875 Gold in colour.

Club member Jill Judd has asked me to sell their (Jill and late husband Ray) Immaculate S-TYPE.

Are you interested? If so ALL sensible offers will be considered.

For an inspection please TEXT your name to Bob Lewis 040 3512 782

Thank you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017 / 2018

2017

- 3rd December - Our Christmas Party at Lake Kawanna Hotel
- 26th January - JDCQ Australia Day picnic at Cormorant Park, Wivenhoe Dam

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- 14th February - St Valentine's Day Run (Wednesday Breakfast Run)
- 18th February - Maroochy River Cruise
- 18th March - St Patrick's Day Run
- 12th April - Jaguar National Rally
- 22nd April - Sunday Run with John Herbert
- 13th May - To Be Advised
- 10th June - To Be Advised
- 14th July - Bastille Day at Periwinkle at Peregrine (Saturday lunch)

It is not too late to join us at the Christmas Party
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