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Cat's Tales

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What's Been Happening

Just up the Road (Gympie) Run

On 16th September our venerable JDCQ Secretary, Nic Case, and his lovely wife Jo-Anne, led a contingent of 28, mostly Sunshine Coast, members on a fascinating and scenic tour of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland to the famous gold mining town of Gympie.

The assembly point for departure was in Eumundi, just to the rear of the location of the famous and fabulous Eumundi Markets parking area. Fortunately for us it was not market day so we didn't have to fight for space for our Jaguars.

Nic gave a short briefing to the assembled multitude and handed out a well-researched sheet of instructions which would lead us to both the morning tea stop and the lunch location, our final stop. At the appointed hour of 9.45am we enthusiastically headed off as per our instruction sheet.

Avoiding the highway we headed up Eumundi Range Road, the first of several very scenic roads we would use on the day, then followed the Cooroy connection Road to Cooroy. From Cooroy we took Elm Street and Yurol Forest Road through the State Forest to Stan Topper Park, Pomona, our morning tea destination. As is the custom morning tea was shared and enjoyed by all, together with the usual fun conversation that these opportunities encourage.



Following morning tea, our intrepid leader, Nic, in his non-Jaguar pet resort vehicle, led the way to our lunch destination. We headed off towards Kin Kin but soon diverted towards Cooran. The route then took us through Traveston, the famous not-a-dam town and eventually over the M1, as close as we would come to it, and on to the Mary Valley Road. The nearly 20km drive along Mary Valley Road was typically scenic rural properties and took us through a succession of areas, Dagon, Gildora, Long Flat, Jones Hill and finally Gympie, our lunch destination.

Lunch was arranged at the historic Old Gympie Heritage Rail Station Café, where we also expected to see the newly restored steam train.

The station café entrance leads you through a small display of historic railway exhibits before entering the generous sized dining room.



Our reserved tables were waiting for us and after seating the friendly staff promptly took lunch and drink orders and the usual chatter started once again. We didn't have long to wait before our meals started to arrive and our conversational noise was quietened for a while.



As we were eating we, well some of us anyway, were pleasantly surprised by another group who arrived for lunch. It was the JDCQ Wide Bay Burnett Register team who had decided to join us since we were not too far away from their area. That provided an unexpected but enjoyable chance for a catch up with some of our members whom we don't get to see very often.

While we were there the “steam train” arrived, something we all had looked forward to. I rushed outside, to platform 1, to view the historic train and get some pictures but was somewhat surprised to see, at the front of the line of lovely old carriages, a blue diesel loco.



Apparently, the steam loco was not quite ready. A bit disappointing but the carriages were certainly worth a close look and Platform 1 was full of old-world charm.



After lots more chatter and the obligatory drawing of raffle prizes it was time to head home. Sunshine Coast Chair, Lindsay Price, thanked everyone for attending, also thanking the WBB crew for joining us and reminded everyone of coming events.

A great day was had by all. We all thanked Nic and Jo-Anne for a well put together day out which ran like clockwork and we gradually said our goodbyes and headed home.

Tony Herald

JDCQ Display Day as a part of All British Day.....23 September 2018



All British Day has come and gone, and what a day it was. Several hundred cars were on display in all shapes, sizes and colours. The JDCQ display was fantastic with ninety Jaguars/Daimlers in attendance. In fact, someone from another club remarked that JDCQ had more cars on display than any other Marque.

This was the 70th anniversary year for cars with the XK engine, the Mark V and the 50th anniversary of the XJ series.



Anniversary cars were given priority parking in the front row of the JDCQ display area. XK 120's and Mark V's and for the XJ series one outstanding example of each series (XJ Series 1, Series 2, Series 3, XJ40, XJ300, X308, X350 and X351).



In addition, this year we had a "Pride & Joy" competition which was what I would term a "semi-concours". The three judges (Ray Hodges, Tony Herald and Lloyd Anderson) went easy on us. My XKR hasn't been this clean in the three years that I have owned it. There were eight cars entered and everyone went home with a certificate (Gold, Silver, Bronze and "Goodonyamate").



The winner also received a new Jaguar for a weekend and a night at the casino on the Gold Coast compliments of our generous sponsor, Springwood Jaguar, who also supplied a new Jaguar for a weekend to our raffle winner. I went home with a Bronze certificate. I still can't figure out how I didn't win. I even left three \$50 notes on the dashboard for the judges! However, it was Jonathon McLeod of the Brisbane Register with a 1963 Series 1 E type FHC who took out that prize. David Spence from the Brisbane Register with a 2007 X-type gained a silver but was the lucky raffle prize winner.

Thank you to all of those who attended and especially to those who volunteered their time to make this a memorable event. To those of you who missed it, well hopefully we'll see you at All British Day...2019.

Stu Gross

Noosa Classic Car Show 2018

The weather report said it was going to rain. Not a good forecast for a car display.



Luckily, I didn't hit any rain from Caboolture to Noosa. Instead, those of us who traveled north on the Bruce Highway hit a wall of flying ants which extended approximately 10km both north and south of Wild Horse Mtn (Moby Vic's). The leading surfaces of our cars were covered in these insects. It reminded me of driving in a snowstorm back in Michigan.



The turnout for the show was excellent considering the weather forecast. I estimated 200-250 display vehicles. The JDCQ had 15 cars on display.





The spectator turnout was dismal compared to last year, but then it rained most of the day, sometimes quite heavily. Not only was it wet, but I doubt that the temperature ever exceeded 17-18 degrees. Most of us spent the day huddled under the JDCQ canopy.



JDCQ took home a couple of trophies, including Peter and Holly Morgan for their Mark2, which was nice.

This is one of the premier car shows in SE Queensland each year with funds raised going to support the Sunshine Coast Prostate Cancer Support Group. We'll be back next year when, hopefully, the weather God will look down kindly upon us.

Stu Gross

What's Coming Up?

17th October Run to Kenilworth Cheese Factory

This is a Brisbane Chapter Run but some Sunshine Coast members are joining. The main meeting place is the northbound BP at Caboolture at 10.00am

For Sunshine
Coast members
joining Bob Lewis

Meet at Dulong Lookout, Dulong Road, Burnside for BYO morning tea with a 11.00am departure.

Our drive will take us up and along the range passing through Mapleton, Flaxton, Montville and Maleny before heading to Kenilworth to meet up with the Brisbane register for lunch, at approximately 12.30.

Numbers for lunch are required by 10th October, so please book with Bob Lewis
Text: [0403 512 782](tel:0403512782) E: boblewis405@gmail.com

21st October Ian and Vicki McKinney are organising this Sunday Run.

8.45am for 9.00am departure. Meet at Maleny Road, Landsborough - west side of the railway line near the Museum.

10am - Morning tea will be with Tony & Karen Herald at their home, 962 Caboolture River Road, Upper Caboolture Distance 65 Kms 48mins We may even be able to check out his toys. Plenty of parking. BYO Morning tea and chairs.

11am - take a short drive to War Plane Museum at Caboolture. Distance 16 Kms

Venue: Hangar 104 McNaught Road Caboolture - Just 30 minutes North from Brisbane

12.30pm - Lunch 149 Bishop Road Beachmere. Beach House entrance is opposite Randolph St. Our Jaguar flag will be at the entrance where plenty of parking is available on the lawns at venue. The house has plenty of chairs and tables, plus there is a BBQ for those who wish to cook lunch (BYO Chef) with crockery, cutlery, microwave, stove, fridge and jug if required. Relax and enjoy views over Deception Bay and the sea breeze.

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7th November Helen and Ken Parmenter's Midweek Run with a country theme.

2nd December Christmas Party.