



Cat's Tales

Newsletter of the

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Chairman's Report

As our club year draws to a close it is a chance to reflect on our activities throughout the year. We have had a great variety of outings and activities ranging from breakfast runs to a drive day sampling the fabulous F Type thanks to JLRA and our local Jaguar Dealer Pacific Jaguar. Our link with them remains strong and we will be having their Promotions Manager Carmel Fulton at our Christmas function. More about this later.



Our committee this year have continued the good work of years past and a special thank you must go to our secretary Margaret Day, Editor Wendy Gross, and my supportive wife, Susan. Without their help events would not have happened as smoothly as they did. Now is the time to consider putting your hand up for a position on the committee at the AGM which is to be held at Lake McDonald on August 26, same place as last year.

The rest of the calendar year is well organized with a number of outings not to be missed so keep an eye out for coming events in the Cat's Tales. If you have any interesting 'things' that would make excellent raffle material, please feel free to donate or be reimbursed for them as it will give our raffles more variety and take the pressure off the few who are doing it all the time. All raffle money goes towards our own club outings for everyone to enjoy.

The electric vehicle choice is expanding with the introduction of the Jaguar I Pace scheduled for October this year. Pacific Jaguar have invited the Sunshine Coast Register of the JDCQ to a wine and cheese evening in late October or November to view the new I Pace, depending on when they receive their supply of the new model. There is to be an electric vehicle expo at the Brisbane Convention Centre on November 9 & 10. This will be the chance to ask those questions you have been wondering about. For further information about this event go to TheEvExpo.com

Planning for the Christmas party this year is well under way. It will be held at Best Western at Kawana. This is the same as last year, but the choice was made after sampling several other venues. The Christmas party subcommittee has discussed some issues raised after last year's event and these have been addressed. Again, we have many raffle prizes in the pipeline plus other entertaining events to make our Christmas Party one to remember.

Until next time stay safe

Lindsay Price
Chairman JDCQ SSC Reg.

What's Been Happening

La Fête Nationale à Le Club de Jaguar de la côte soleil (our Club's take on Bastille Day)

The sun was certainly shining for Bastille Day at Flaxton, (perhaps an omen of French World Cup success) as many of our members channeled their inner French at Le Coq Bressan in Flaxton.



Blue, white and red were the colours of the day. There was a sea of blue and white stripes, berets and Inspector Clouseau moustaches.





There were even baguettes and champagne bottles!



Originally we planned to hold the celebration at the neighbouring Le Café but when the RSVP day came and there were only 25 attendees, our wonderful host, Thierry, moved us to the restaurant. Thierry remained unflappable on the day when the numbers swelled to 31, although he did run out of chairs. This is probably an appropriate time to remind everyone about RSVPs. Often, as on Saturday, organisers have made special arrangements with a restaurant about menus and prices, even seating. Numbers ahead of time are vital so it is important that members adhere to the date listed for attending. It would really spoil an event if the organisers had to turn away someone who had not RSVPed by the date and we came close last Saturday.

There was a set menu for \$26 per person but all four dishes (home smoked salmon salad, ham and cheese torte, camembert and bacon crêpe and lamb casserole) were declared ‘magnifique’ by those who selected them. Plates of little French cakes were served to each table for dessert and almost everyone took in their daily calorie allowance on that course alone. They were ‘delicieux’.

Since it was too hard for Stu and I to decide who were the ‘most French couple’, we asked Thierry to choose. He also found it difficult but since Joe and Marg had brought their lovely old Citroen, Dolly, suitably dressed for the occasion, they were our winners.



Don't take your French dress up back to the Op Shop yet. We have already booked Le Coq Bressan for Sunday 14th July 2019!

Worth Thinking About

A short run after breakfast

We actually live near Lakeside Park...it used to be just Lakeside, but now it's gentrified. So, it was with much anticipation that I signed the forms and paid my money for a hearty breakfast and happy laps with the good folk of the BMW club.... of which I knew none. Waking up a forty-four old on a cold Sunday morning when they have been asleep under their doona for a goodly time was never going to be easy. And so, it was with the MGBGT. Suffice to say that by seven o'clock we were motoring in a manner appropriate to the day, whist keeping my licence intact.

One of the really good improvements to the amenities at Lakeside just has to be the tunnel under the circuit. Firstly, for eliminating any disruption to track use by spectator and competition support traffic. Secondly, for the marvellous acoustics, planned or accidental, enhancing almost any sporting exhaust note. On exiting we both promised to behave ourselves and very sedately followed the access road towards the yellow building near the end of the main straight.

As an attendee for the Happy Laps only, even if I didn't have the excellent instructions compiled for the day by Denis Weisz, there was no chance I could have mistaken where to go. There were more cars clustered around the restaurant/museum destination, than would be in the Brisbane Airport carpark if they offered free parking. We found a spot, being careful to ensure that nobody's progress would be impeded. Out of the car and looking around there really was an amazing variety of powerful looking European vehicles. It was surprising to see that BMW's, while still very solidly represented didn't dominate the field. Volkswagen and Audi certainly had a presence that one couldn't miss. There was a predominance though in the colour spectrum. Why they certainly weren't all black, it seemed to me there was a lot of dark hues. The first impression is one of very powerful sophistication, just sitting there quietly waiting to unleash devastating consequences on any unfortunate soul that wanders into their path. What sort of people drive these cars? This disturbing line of thought was only sidelined by the enticing smell of bacon and eggs. I immediately succumbed and shared a table with a pleasant young man named Ryan who piloted a white BMW Z4 convertible. I thought, 'Well, that's a good start'. I needed to retrieve the documentation from the passenger seat of the M.G where I exchanged pleasantries with a group of fellows many years my junior. They were talking horsepower in numbers usually reserved for road-trains and passenger aircraft. I meekly enquired whether they were referring to energy measured at the flywheel or at where the wheels meet the road. A response confirming the latter saw me making my excuses, before I became further depressed.

Next on the agenda was the driver briefing held by a male employee of Queensland Raceways. The remarkably frank chap of about thirty years, had an experienced air about him. He emphasised the nasty surprises that lurk for experienced racetrack users, as well as those not quite so skilled. After having any inappropriately enthusiastic thoughts quelled, drivers walked thoughtfully toward their mounts. We lined up in a "first come first served" line to enter the track in the main straight kink, just prior to the corner named "The Karassell". Cars were sent out, and dismissed after about ten minutes track time, in groups regulated by a flag bearing official. We sat waiting in a queue of about fifteen cars all idling, no doubt to keep the heaters going as it was still quite a cool winter's morning.

The man with the flag waved us out. It was a downhill entry to the track so I didn't bother with first gear, turning right onto the circuit. For fully one corner nobody passed us, then it was mayhem in the inside lane! All to be expected I thought and why not. At that point I decided that the outside/slow lane was a good place to be. Minor deviations were made when I could see a much-visited spot on a corner approach. Such a "sweet point" I could see existed at "Hungry corner" and I made good use of it every time. Eastern Loop was next and then a short downhill straight, which had witch's hats dividing it into two lanes, prior to the main straight. I naturally chose the outside lane which I seemed to have to myself, taking the opportunity to open the throttles thus arriving at reasonable velocity, by my standards, onto the straight. The inside lane was a different story with fast cars making strange noises, that I assume were to do with forced induction systems ingesting huge loads of fuel/air mixture on entering the straight. As drivers chose positions on the main straight, there was again an amusing disparity of acceleration as we traversed the fastest part of the circuit. The noise of a gaggle of performance cars all going hard was truly intoxicating.

And so it was, all over too soon, as enjoyable experiences always are. Ten minutes and the man with the flag was waving *slow down, slow down...* and into pit lane we crawled, grinning from ear to ear.

Lots of people were going in all directions, some to a spot in the pits to set up for the regularity events, others massing for the speed event briefing. I paused for a moment, to see if there was an opportunity to say thanks and goodbye. There wasn't, but now you know I loved every minute.

Charlie Provis

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TRIP LEADERS WANTED - Judging by the numbers we are getting on the runs we are doing everything right, however, it is just a few that are doing the organizing and a lot that are enjoying the event. It takes time planning these outings, it would really be appreciated if we had some volunteers to run an event. Please contact Lindsay or myself Marg (email addresses on P1) if you can offer some assistance, we are more than happy to help you.

JULY

Friday to Sunday 20-22nd - Jumpers and Jazz (booked out)

AUGUST

Sunday 12th - Antarctica Experience

Meet at Lindsay and Susan's at 476 Mooloolah Connection Rd. Mooloolah Valley at 9.30 for a shared morning tea, have the presentation then drive to the Mooloolah Valley Country Club for Lunch. BYO morning tea to share and chairs. *More details on the flyer.* RSVP required by 09 August for the lunch reservation.

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Saturday 25th - Charity Show and Shine Beerwah sports ground. *This is not a club event.*

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Sunday 26th - AGM at Noosa Botanic Gardens, Lake McDonald Drive, Lake McDonald 11:00 am

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 12th - Midweek run. We need someone to step up and organise a breakfast, morning tea or lunch run.

Sunday 16th - Run with Nic and Joanne Case

Sunday 23rd - All British Day. Please check the JDCQ website for display details

Sunday 30th - Noosa Classic Car Show. Please check the JDCQ website for the Jaguar display.

OCTOBER

Tuesday 9th & 10th - November Electric Vehicle Expo Brisbane Convention Center. *This is not a club event.*

Wednesday 10th - Midweek run. We need someone to step up and organise a breakfast, morning tea or lunch run.

Sunday 14th - October Harrigans Rod & Custom Show Harrigans Lane Jacobs Well. *This is not a club event.*

Sunday 21st - Short run to the Vintage Aviation Museum followed by lunch at the Beach House. Ian & Vicki McKinney. Full details and flyer to follow.

NOVEMBER

Sunday 18th - TBA

DECEMBER

Sunday 2nd - Christmas Party