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What's Been Happening

Meander up the Mountain- 7th November 2018 (Helen and Ken Parmenter)

Wednesday 7th saw some tough, rugged (handsome?) country types (aka Lindsay et al) with their sheilas (Susan and the gals) gather at the Glass House Mountains Information Centre for a cuppa and smoko before heading off for a 'Meander up the Mountain'.



The Jillaroos were charged with keeping a watch out – to notice things – as there was a quiz to be completed at lunch. The quiz was so easy it couldn't be given out in advance as there weren't 23 prizes. (The organisers, Ken and Helen, noted a strange lack of enthusiasm in some when required to notice things).

As usual with the Sunshine Coast Register, everyone went to considerable effort to dress according to the country theme – this was particularly above and beyond the call of duty as it was SO HOT! Our hard working, enthusiastic editor Wendy Gross later won the prize for best dressed. Well done Wendy! We also appreciated Lindsay arriving with his shot gun and noted him trying to impress the Jillaroos with his cartridge belt. He could have been scary, until we noted the gun was wooden! In the Jaguar department, it was rewarding to see some very well presented Mark IIs. Of course, none of the more senior cars struggled going up the mountain. (We did note however, that Lindsay left his magnificent black stallion George in the barn that day, no doubt being spelled after his Hi Jinx at the Melbourne Cup!)



After smoko and lots of catching up, the horse power was nudged into “go mode” and off we went, with explicit instructions to stay behind the leader.



The instructions worked as no one became lost and everyone enjoyed the pretty green rural scenery depicting a variety of rural pursuits.



All arrived champing at the bit at the Dahmongah Lookout. There were strong hints to read the billboards regarding the local timber getting history and the features of the Glass House

Mountains and it was interesting to note some were so keen and others were too hot to bother.



A great group captured by Nepalese tourists!

Some had been up milking before dawn and were happy to arrive at the top of Mount Mee to relax. We quickly tethered our horses to the rails under the Jacarandas and settled ourselves into the cool atmosphere of Birches Restaurant.

The Quiz Mistress Helen found conducting the quiz was a bit like flogging a dead horse, but after much nudging and coaxing, and only minor use of the whip, the lead rider Karen won the day. Well done Karen!



After a very pleasant lunch and lots of chatting, we wished everyone a safe journey down the picturesque Campbell's Pocket Road to home.



It is always great fun to participate in these pleasant roundups with the Sunshine Coast Register.

Helen and Ken Parmenter



Footnote from the Editor

On Caboolture River Rd there is an old little white church; those of you who attended the McKinney/Herald run would have passed it. It has quite an historic graveyard, too. Among those buried there are Hausmanns and Litherlands. Sadly most of the graves' markings are so faint that they do not photograph well.



Quite near the church is Litherland Rd which on some maps appears to run through to near Mt Mee. (I discovered that landowners have fenced across the road when I tried to ride my bike there). So my ears pricked up when, at morning tea time, Richard and Lynn Hausmann mentioned Richard's family's connection to our run's destination, Mt Mee. His great



grandfather, Richard Thomas, who came to the Dayboro area in 1862 as a timber getter. Richard Thomas established the first school in 1884 on the site where the Mt Mee school still is. When he established the school it was the Dahmongah school and didn't change to Mt Mee until 1899. The aboriginal name for the area was Mia Mia which was shortened to Mt Mee. The Hausmann family came to the area from the opposite direction, from D'Aguilar. Apart from timber getting, dairies were established in this area and Richard Hausmann grew up on one of

these. So one part of my jigsaw puzzle was done!

Because Helen had warned us there would be quiz at lunchtime and that reading the boards at Dahmongah Lookout would be a good idea, I did. Although we have visited this lookout many, many times I had never read the information boards before; now I realise that was a grave oversight.

For a start, the signs on the road from D'Aguilar to Mt Mee, *The Cutting*, *Blue Rock Corner*, *The Dog's Waterhole*, *Long Bend* and *Red Bend* intrigued me from the first time I drove along that road but never, until this run, knew that these names were given by the bullockies hauling the timber down the track from Mt Mee to Caboolture. Nor did I know that it was the Litherland brothers who forged this track which by my reckoning is probably Litherland Rd these days. Jigsaw complete!

Monocoque Register Christmas Party – Bestbrook Resort Maryvale- 14th November.

You're quite right. This has nothing to do with the Sunshine Coast chapter but Merv and Lyn and Stu and I attended. We've never attended a Model Register event before mainly because the only one we are eligible for, the Monocoque, meets mostly around Toowoomba/Warwick and it is a long way to go for lunch.



We had a great time and met a lot of lovely people so I'd encourage other Sunshine Coasters to give Model Register events a try. We won't go every month but we will go again.

PS. We won a prize 'just for turning up' and isn't this a great Christmas presentation for a bottle of wine?



Guess which member is enjoying retirement at Julia Creek?



What's Coming Up?

2nd December Christmas Party.- Check your emails from Secretary Marg and don't forget to RSVP by 26th November.