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Cat's Tales

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From the Chairman

Hello All

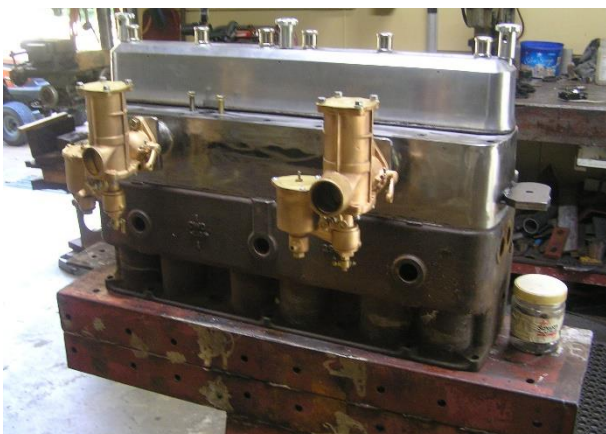
Well the big news for this month was to be the launch of the Jaguar I Pace. This fabulous vehicle was to be the centre piece of a wine and cheese evening for members of the Sunshine Coast Register of the Jaguar Drivers Club Qld at the Pacific Jaguar show rooms in Maroochydore. I say 'was' because as of 30 October 2018 Pacific Jaguar still have no idea of when they are getting their first shipment. I was speaking with Carmel Fulton, their promotions manager, today and she said she will let me know at the earliest opportunity. Bit like the launch of the model A Ford in 1928. The dealers had armed guards protecting their showrooms to stop the public getting an early look.

On 9/10 November there is to be an electric vehicle expo at the Brisbane Convention Centre. The Jaguar I Pace is to be the star of the show so let's hope one is available for that. Carmel said the Pacific Jaguar staff have been in training with the new vehicle and she is attending the expo.

We have just had the Invictus games and Jaguar had been one of the major sponsors. Susan, my wife, had made a quilt for one of the ex-servicemen competitors and Pacific Jaguar sponsored Susan for the associated costs in producing the quilt. I will not say more here because Wendy has an article covering this item.

Sometimes, just sometimes, a really memorable event happens to you and you love to share it. Such a thing happened to Joe Day and I recently. Joe and I had been repairing the brakes on his Jaguar XK8 convertible and required some additional parts. With Joe in dirty scruffy work clothes and me in an old ships boiler suit we set off to Pacific Jaguar in Joe's silver Morgan V8. I was driving and as I pulled up on the forecourt I gave the Morgan a blast to get attention, as you do. Joe and I then proceeded to the spare parts counter. Walking up the side we spotted Leunis Kruger, the dealer principal. Leunis was talking to 2 suits and greeted us by name and us him as we passed. From there we were greeted by other members of staff including Carmel Fulton who gave us both a kiss on the cheek and a warm greeting. These suits had a puzzled look and after they had left we all had a great laugh. Probably thought, 'who are these old codgers?'

For those who attended my home for the Antarctic day, I had shown several people a cylinder head I was building for a 1927 Hudson. This head is now complete and is having the valves fitted. According to calculations this head should increase the original power by approximately 60% and economy should also improve.



We have had several runs since my last report and all have been well attended. This is both rewarding for members and the persons organising the event. Most events have been organised by members who have submitted a run to the committee and the event has grown from there. If you have an idea for a run please let the committee know. We all love fresh ideas.

Planning for the Christmas Party is well under way and only a few details remain to be sorted. Last year was a great success with easy parking and a great air-conditioned venue so please put your acceptance in and secure a place.

We have not started planning the outings for the first quarter for next year so if you have ideas please let the committee know.

Until next time, safe driving.

Lindsay Price
Chairman
Sunshine Coast JDCQ

What's Been Happening

KENILWORTH RUN 17TH OCTOBER

Bob and Sheryl Lewis contacted the SSC Reg. committee about doing a combined mid-week run with the Brisbane Register to Kenilworth on 17 October. It was eagerly accepted. We have done mid-week runs in the past and they have been very successful, principally because the venues are not crowded as on weekends and people are not tied up with family commitments. Bob and Sheryl then started planning and putting the necessary pieces in place but the rain Gods had other ideas. South East Qld. experienced unseasonal storms and heavy rain. The outing looked like being cancelled but luckily a couple of days before the due day the weather eased and the run was on.

Susan and I had asked some friends to join us in the 1934 Daimler for the run. We were to leave from Mooloolah Valley and travel via Palmwoods to Dulong Lookout, the meeting place. Fortunately I had allowed plenty of time as we ended up on one of those GPS mystery tours. I thought I knew the way but travelled over roads I never knew existed. We passed a sign warning of a steep hill. Yep, it was 20% or 1 in 5. Had to change down to second for that one. Finally we met at Dulong Lookout on the Mapleton-Nambour road in time for morning tea.

The cars ranged from my Daimler to Jaguar XK 120, Jaguar XKR, XKRR and MG B. There were a couple of moderns as well as a 4x4 (I think he knew the roads about to be travelled). We departed Dulong for our first stop at Howells Knob lookout and I took the opportunity to adjust the brakes on the Daimler because of the coming steep hills. The Daimler has mechanical brakes but the adjustment is simply a matter of turning a brass handle under the bonnet. One minute job.



GATHERING AT HOWELLS LOOKOUT

From Howells Lookout we proceeded via the Postman's track (very steep and narrow) to Conondale then Kenilworth. Bob had advised 1st gear for the decent of Postman's track so that the Bell Birds could be heard. Good advice not to mention saving the cars brakes.



COMING DOWN THE POSTMAN'S TRACK



'GEORGE' GOING DOWN THE POSTMAN'S
TRACK

We all arrived safely at Kenilworth in time for an excellent lunch at the Hotel.



We took up the whole street and then some

Being mid-week there was no crowd. It was a good time to catch up with the Brisbane Register and we will be arranging other outings in the future

Lindsay Price (Chairman Sunshine Coast Register)

Kenilworth Hotel- established 1939.



Some of the lunch group

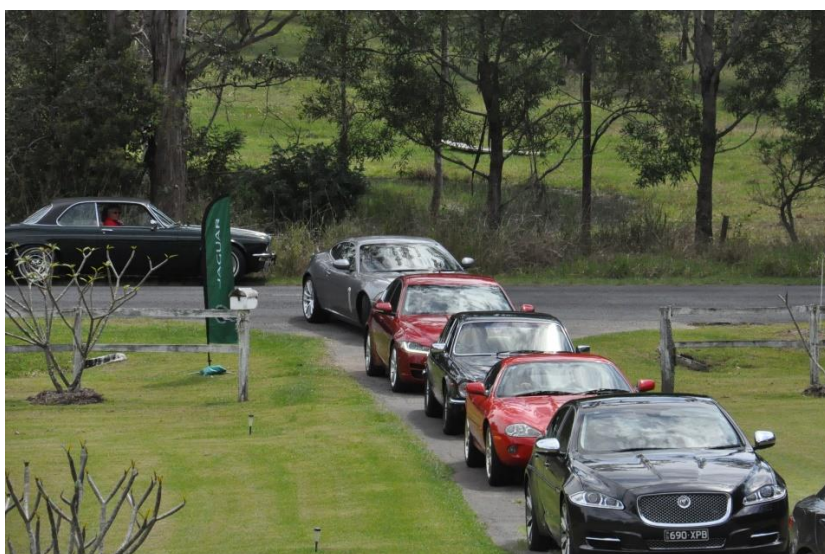


Sunday Run 21 October 2018

Hello all. The Sunday 21 October run was an outstanding success.

I had arrived at the meeting place near the Landsborough Museum early hoping to be there in time to greet people. Instead there was already a considerable number of people present and that number continued to grow until the time of departure.

We departed the meeting point and proceeded along the Old Gympie Rd to the Peachester Rd then up the mountain and from there via Commissioners Flat Rd to join the road to Woodford. Just past Woodford we made our way to the home of Karen & Tony Herald who live on a beautiful acreage property and the front yard would make a great football field.



Jaguar traffic jam on arrival at the home of Tony and Karen

The plan had been to arrange the cars in front of the house but the recent rain made the ground too soft. Tony and Dave Spence proved excellent traffic managers and directed most of the cars into an impressive driveway display.





Those who parked on the driveway got their exercise for the day

I had been following run leaders Ian & Vicki McKinney so had the chance to park close to the house



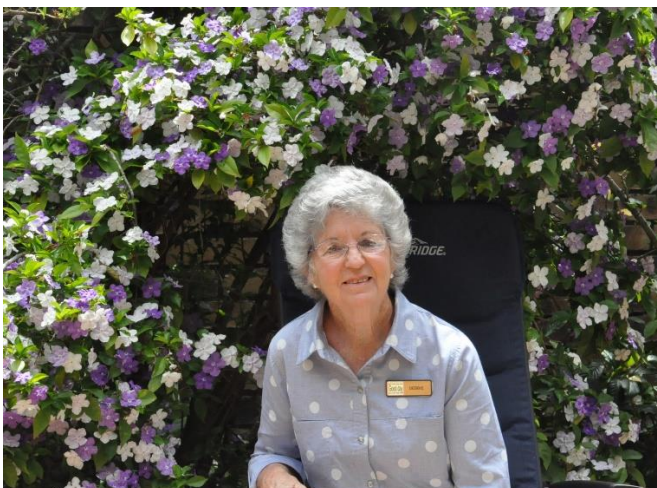
We were invited in to the outdoor poolside entertainment area but on the way we could take in Jaguarware. Tony has the largest display of car trophies I have ever seen.



Just a small part of the total collection

Morning was taken poolside and most enjoyable it was too.





Editor's Note- Just couldn't resist including this photo of Debbie!

After morning tea we had a look at Tony's workshop and Jaguar collection. Very impressive. The E Type he has 2/3 restored is better than new.

From Tony's & Karen's we proceeded through Caboolture to the Warplane & Flight Heritage Museum. A very interesting collection and worth a look.



Unfortunately time was short as we had spent a longer time drooling over Tony's Jaguars than planned.

Next up we all went to the retirement resort where Ian & Vicki live. This place is really first class. We all had a bring-your-own-lunch there and were invited to have a look about. The place is very large and new. Anyone considering retirement living should consider a place like this.

Just to round out the day we had a very fierce storm approaching from the South West. People scattered quickly and I must admit I was one of them. I was not speeding but I was not wasting time either. We beat it home by less than two minutes and wow! what a storm. More branches down and the yard to clean up again. I hope all other fellow travelers were safe.

Until next time, safe travels
Lindsay Price
Chairman Sunshine Coast Register. JDCQ

Breaking News

Back in the September issue Susan told us about the wonderful project, Aussie Hero Quilts, that she sews for and about the quilt she was asked to make for Marcus Wilson a competitor in sailing in the Invictus Games.



Here is an update.

TEAM AUS defeated all other nations to win gold in the Elliott 7 sailing event. Davin Bretherton won silver and Peter Arbuckle won bronze in the Hansa Dinghy class.

Thousands of fans, including the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, witnessed history being made yesterday at the inaugural Invictus Games Sydney 2018 presented by Jaguar Land Rover sailing competition with the stunning Sydney Harbour as the backdrop.

Squadron Leader Rob Saunders, Paul Langley, Craig McGrath and Marcus Wilson dominated their heat, taking out the first gold medal for Australia.

Onlooking spectators admired amazing acts of comradery, sportsmanship, strong competition and plenty of emotion. Congrats to our incredible sailing team!

What's Coming Up?

7th November - Last Sunshine Coast Run for the year. Don't miss it!

Calling all Jackaroos and Jillaroos

The Sunshine Coast Register invites you to join us on a "Meander up the Mountain" on Wednesday 7 November 2018. Our Chairman Lindsay has promised to saddle up his horses (or at least horse power) and meet us all at:

Glass House Mountains Information Centre, cnr Steve Irwin Way & Bruce Parade at 10:00 am for smoko.

Bring your thermos and run leaders Ken and Helen Parmenter will rustle up some tucker to share.

After smoko we will mosey along quiet rural roads through Peachester & Woodford to Mt Mee for lunch at "*birches restaurant*".

Please get into the swing of this country event in your blue jeans and checked shirts, with perhaps a neckerchief & your best boots. The most authentic Aussie country style is sure to be rewarded. A themed quiz with prize is also promised (or threatened??).



Please RSVP to Helen and Ken at: headam@bigpond.net.au or phone Helen on 0407025695 by 3rd November.

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

