

# CAT'S TALES

Newsletter of the  
Jaguar Drivers' Club Queensland Inc  
Sunshine Coast Register

August 2020



## This Month:

1. **Our AGM— Article. Attached minutes and treasurer's report**
2. **Attached September event flyer**
3. **Possible caravan/cabin getaway to Hervey Bay**
4. **Christmas function date claimer**
5. **Interesting motoring tips from our in-house researcher John Herbert**
6. **Members Tales**

## Dates Claimers:

- Wednesday, September 16th—Fish and Chips on the Spit at Mooloolaba
- Christmas Function—Sunday 29th November —where, when and what format to be decided

## Our Annual General Meeting of the Sunshine Coast Register August 2020

The picturesque Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden set the tone for a pleasant, friendly, AGM on August 19th. Our outgoing Chairperson Lindsay Price commented on the success of our register and noted that we are essentially a social club with a common interest in Jaguar motor cars. He also commented that the register intends to continue a policy of autonomy to enjoy our outings and get together in a manner desired by our members. Those attending agreed that our register is a happy one, facilitated by a committee which pulls together to provide an enjoyable and varied calendar of events. Lindsay retired as Chairperson after four years and he and Susan were warmly thanked for their contribution.

The outgoing Committee had agreed that Lindsay and Susan be awarded the Don Quinton Memorial Trophy for their services to the register. Lindsay seemed excited at the prospect of giving the trophy's valve cover a vigorous polish during the next twelve months. *(It takes all sorts..... Ed.)*



Members will be pleased to know the register has a bank balance of \$7888 and those present seemed unanimous in agreeing that these funds are there to be enjoyed by our members. We currently have 56 members.

Lindsay advised that current Covid-19 concerns mean that a program for the remainder of this year has not been set, apart from the two dates noted on page one.



"The mechanic said when he finished chipping away the rust on our car, this is what was left."



**FISH & CHIPS  
on the SPIT MOOLOOLABA**



**WHEN ~ Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 11 am**

**WHERE ~ Mooloolaba Rotary Park  
Parkyn Pde Mooloolaba**

Various food outlets opposite providing fish & chips,  
burgers, coffee etc. Large parking area, turn left at sign.  
Many covered picnic tables available.

Current covid-19 restrictions will apply, at this time we are  
restricted to a group of 30.

Please rsvp Margaret [marg-day@outlook.com](mailto:marg-day@outlook.com) by 13<sup>th</sup> Sept.

\*\*\*\* **October Getaway to Hervey Bay** \*\*\*\*

Holidays in Queensland have become our favourite for the present. Your committee is proposing a short break to Point Vernon Holiday Park, Hervey Bay (Pet friendly accommodation with cabins at the Big4, Point Vernon). Ph: 4128 1423

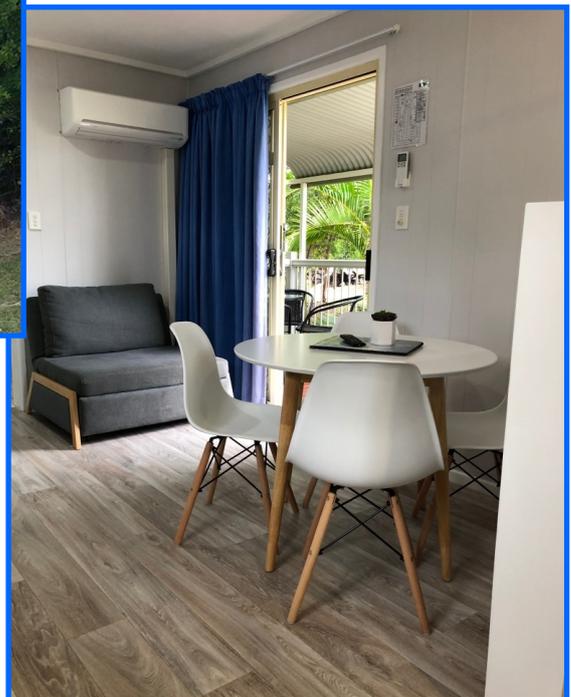
We are suggesting 4 nights in October:

**Four nights from Monday 12 October to check out on Friday 16th.**

There is a camp kitchen for joint morning teas or bbqs etc. Sites are \$38 per night and cabins from \$115 per night.

The Jacksons and Parmenters are committed. Each couple/person will need to make their own booking using the group name "Jaguar". Please do this asap so we can ensure we have sites or cabins close by each other.

if you are interested in joining us, please phone Helen on **0407025695** . When you phone me please give me your email address so I can correspond with you as a group.



## NOTHING IS REALLY NEW

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**Hybrid cars** – Whilst Toyota seems to have the Hybrid market sewn up, it is not that new. The Woods Dual Power was built in 1917 in Chicago and was powered by a small internal combustion engine. It featured an electric generator powering the car's batteries. The car could be driven as a straight gasoline vehicle or as a straight electric vehicle or as a combination.

**Power steering** - We all take power steering for granted these days with the majority now employing electric power steering in place of the previous hydraulic type. Power steering was first seen on a Columbia electric motor truck in 1903, and of course it was powered by a separate electric motor.

**Variable valve timing** – A feature available these days on even low cost motors and often promoted in the specifications. It actually dates back however to the early 1900's with De Dion Bouton engines featuring variable exhaust valve timing controlled by the decelerator pedal. It was used to slow you down however, not increase performance as it is today.

**Average speed calculator** – A trip calculator is common in almost all cars today. An average speed calculator was indeed standard equipment on a 1953 Fiat 1900.

**Electric windscreen wipers** – First available in the UK in 1923, however it was very sad that our Aussie Holden took until 1961 (EK Holden) to introduce this feature. Many would be aware of the horrors of previous vacuum powered wipers.

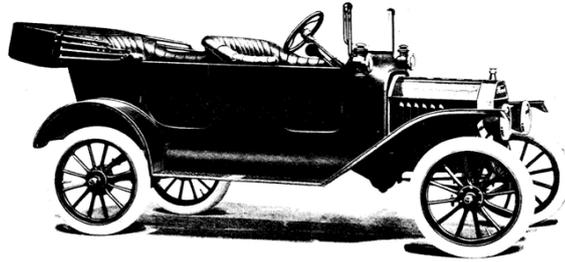
**Disc brakes** – The first disc brake was fitted as a transmission brake by Lanchester in 1903. It was subsequently dropped, however, because suitable brake lining material was not available. The first British mass produced car to feature disc brakes as standard was the Triumph TR3 in 1956 (just beating Jaguar). Subsequently the first low-priced family car to be fitted with disc brakes was the humble 1962 Ford Classic.

**Power operated seats** - Common place today, they first appeared on a 1947 Packard.

**Air conditioning** – Another common feature, first appeared on the 1940 Packard Super 8.

**Roundabouts, traffic lights & zebra crossings** – The idea of a roundabout to ease congestion was first proposed by a French civil engineer in 1907. The world's first 3 colour traffic lights were installed in Detroit in 1919. Zebra crossings for pedestrians first appeared in the UK in 1951.

## Information for FORD OWNERS when starting their Model T (Compiled by John Herbert)



FORD TOURING CAR, fully equipped, including electric headlights.

### Starting the car:

- Don't start car with spark advanced
- Don't start car unless emergency brake is on
- Don't try to start without gasoline in the tank
- Don't start car without filling radiator with water
- Don't start car without sufficient oil in the crankcase
- Don't try to start car until you have turned on switch
- Don't try to start car until throttle rod has been advanced five or six notches.

### And when driving

- Don't race the motor
- Don't see how fast you can go
- Don't see how fast you can start
- Don't leave motor running when you leave the car

*Wow, something for today's generation to cope with!*

### Further advice regarding the Model T:

Ford cars were not designed, and are not made, to demand or require the use of shock absorbers. They are not only unnecessary, but are dangerous.

No motor car in the world is more accurately designed with principles of design and construction than the Ford car.

Evidence is the spring suspension connections to the running gear made at the extreme tips of the flexible springs, where elasticity, resiliency and springiness are as delicate and as perfect as at the tips of the wings of a bird, giving the greatest possible absorption of vibration and shock.

If shock absorbers were necessary, they would have been built into the spring attachments as part of the car. The very fact they are not fitted is evidence they are not required.

*WHO said this is the "spin generation"?*

## Members' Tales.....

- Vice Chairperson Lindsay and Susan are currently experiencing their first holiday in their latest acquisition—their caravan named 'Dolly'. They were headed to picturesque Urangan. Ken P advised Lindsay he need not worry about running aground or grinding the prop on coral reefs.....

- Chairperson Joe and Marg have returned from a caravan trip out west to Mitchell then Cunnamulla. Coco Day (think: fluffy, bouncy, dark chocolate poodle puppy ) cavorted in the prickles, burrs and red dust of Charlotte Plains. Fortunately the artesian bath removed most of the dust, and Marg removed the burrs (eventually). Not sure when they are going back there.....



- Lyn and Merv don't do things by halves. They are delighted with their new BIG motorhome. A decision to swap came after their 39 days in their former squeezey motorhome returning from WA during Covid-19 restrictions. Lyn is certainly a trooper to keep smiling after that epic journey! Photo shows the old dwarfed by the new.



- Ken P has regrettably sold his XJS. He had little hesitation in holding onto the keys of the prospective buyer's latest model F-Type whilst the buyer took the XJS for a "spin around the block". Ken was almost disappointed when the buyer returned with the XJS, but fortunately the XJS sold for a princely sum.



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