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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013

26 JANUARY 2013	Just Rock - Rock 'n' Roll Annual Combined Car Run To meet at "Alexandra Park Rotunda" Bundaberg at 9.30 a.m. for Morning Tea Travel to Woodgate Beach Bowls Club for Buffet Lunch
17 FEBRUARY	Trip to Tin Can Bay Lunch at 'Mariners Bar and Grill' in Tin Can Bay
17 MARCH	Trip to Biggenden Visit Biggenden Bike Museum Lunch at the Biggenden Hotel
27 MARCH MID-WEEK RUN	This Mid-Week Run will be organised by Bill Buckley
28 APRIL	Teddington Weir for Morning Tea BYO Barbeque at John Carroll's House at Craignish, Hervey Bay
5 MAY	The Isis Flying Club Event – Childers Air Strip
25/26 MAY (OVERNIGHT TRIP)	TRIP TO YEPPON HAS NOW BEEN CANCELLED
16 JUNE	Trip to Bundaberg – Morning Tea at Alexandra Park Lunch at Grunske's By the River
23 JUNE	Just Rock – Rock 'n' Roll Car Run – Lunch Woodgate Bowls Club
10 JULY MID-WEEK RUN	THIS MID-WEEK RUN HAS NOW BEEN CANCELLED
21 JULY	Trip to Imbil Lunch at the Imbil Hotel
18 AUGUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	Vintner's Winery – Childers Lunch will be held here as well as the AGM
15 SEPTEMBER	Trip to Gayndah Visit to Citroen Museum Lunch at Gayndah Hotel
5/6/7 OCTOBER (LONG WEEKEND TRIP)	This will be a Western Jaunt which will probably include an Observation Run and Poker Run
23 OCTOBER MID-WEEK RUN	This Mid-Week Run will be organised by Paul and Josie Mittelheuser. They have already chosen the venue for this run. Visit the Orchid House at the Botanical Gardens, Hervey Bay Lunch at Café - Dundowran
17 NOVEMBER	Trip to Bundaberg Visit the Lavender Farm Lunch at either Bargara Windmill Café or the Strawberry Farm
1 DECEMBER	Woodgate Beach Bowls Club for Xmas Lunch

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE COULD BE A COUPLE OF CHANGES TO THIS CALENDAR DURING THE YEAR

***SHADING OF AN EVENT WILL INDICATE THAT IT HAS BEEN AND GONE**

GAYLENE'S PREAMBLE

Hi one and all. I am sure that you will all breathe a sigh of relief as this month my preamble will be **short and sweet!!** This will be an exciting change for all you guys who have to peruse my female banter each month.

I have now employed a Rookie Journalist who has been out and about catching up on all the Jag gossip in and around Mt Isa. **I had better watch out as I may lose my editorial position!!!!**

BOB'S EDITORIAL MOMENT – JAGS IN THE ISA

Looks like I have been seconded as Gaylene's roving Reporter – or is that RAVING!!

When Gaylene was up here in Mt Isa in February, I said that I had not seen a Jaguar, which is what one would expect in the outback. A couple of days later, cruising up the main drag was a White XJS. It looked in pretty good nick, but as it was travelling in the opposite direction I assumed that, that was the end of that. It was probably someone travelling through?

Gaylene returns home, and not long after she received a phone call from a guy, wanting to know how she enjoyed the Isa climate. This guy was all excited after reading in the Jaguar Drivers Club Queensland Magazine that her husband was in Mt Isa and "setting up house", but was disillusioned when told he wasn't taking any Jaguars up that way. Frank Munis is his name and he has been in Mount Isa since 1974. He was very keen to catch-up.

I caught up with Frank and his wife Glenys, which presented a wonderful experience to talk cars and annoy his 'shed'. On arriving at their house, I found Glenys about to head off for coffee with the 'girls', in her everyday driver, an XJ6 (1977). Frank keeps it running and presenting very well. This is the shopping car and anything else, and she loves it.

Frank has been a Jag nut for a long time. He was a member in NSW before venturing north and has been a JDCQ member for the past 23 years (also a member of the Townsville Register and the Gold Coast). He owned an E Type for 42 years and sold it only last year to a person in Western Australia. Frank and Glenys were at the Nationals in Canberra in their 'E', as part of the feature celebrations of the E type, after which travelling South and West and up the Centre to their home in Mt Isa. **(Check out the Queensland Drivers Magazine No. 152 – the full story is there).** This was a similar trip to the one Paul and Josie did last year in their XK.

Frank is now retired from the Helicopter Charter Business, and loves the Outback and cannot see himself ever leaving the Isa. His background as an Aero Engineer means that his Jaguars get the best of attention and maintenance. Speaking of which, the nice looking XJS that Gaylene and I saw cruising the Isa streets was Frank's. This is a 1990 model which he bought new from Southport and has now 300,000 klms on the clock. It is the car used for distance journeys to Townsville, Melbourne and the like.



GLENYS AND HER XJ6

How come he purchased an XJS, you might ask? Well, after a drive in his mates XJS, which now happens to be Tony Herald's pride and joy, it became a 'must have'. (Frank's first XJS driving experience was when Tony's car was in Charters Towers).

Frank recalls the associations with Peter Carlson and Vic and Pam Perry, when they were Townsville Register Members.

[For those of you that have the Australian Jaguar Edition No. 46, September 1992 in your library, you can check out the article on a youthful Frank and Glenys.](#)

The fun did not stop there in my investigation of Frank's toy house. Lying in wait was a Brock Commodore, which was purchased new by Frank and Glenys in 1980. They used to travel and tow the boat to Lake Moondarra for skiing – another past passion of theirs. He still tows the boat for a weekly outing to the lake. Oh, another XJ6 (1976) was lurking in the carport and this was purchased 5 years ago. Also a parts XJ6 car was in the back yard along with a mini moke.

After all that exhaustive 'shed' time, Frank and I retired for refreshment and continued the journey in pictorial form, a great photo of a past 340 love affair.

Speaking of which, Glenys has long coffee breaks with the girls as she hadn't returned before I left, and I was there awhile!! Maybe she was escaping being Frank's Mechanic Assistant, as was the case the evening before, when she was called on to help drop another motor in the XJ6.



THE XJS AND THE XJ6

One thing I did miss out on was the, then up-coming, Mt Isa Restored Car Club Annual Show. Unfortunately I was away in Normanton. It all happens here. I forgot to mention that this Car Club has its own premise, grounds and Club House.

Before I go, picture this: - Frank in his XJS over taking a road train on his way to display his car in Townsville for an annual event – he looks in his rear vision mirror, and there is an XJ6 on his bumper. Frank thought that Glenys would wait until he cleared the road train before she ventured forth. Did I say commitment – two cars from Mt Isa to Townsville for a show!!!!

I apologise to Frank and Glenys, for any journalistic licence that Gaylene has bestowed on me.





FRANK AND HIS XJS – OH BOY, WHAT GOES WHERE!!! ANOTHER SPOTLESS ENGINE!!!



I hope you all enjoyed that very exciting story. [WELL DONE BOB – GO TO THE TOP OF THE CLASS!!!](#)

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

It has been an extremely quiet month. Childers Wings and Wheels was our last outing on the 5 May. Information from this event was placed in last month's Newsletter.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER NEXT MONTH (JULY) AS I WILL BE AWAY IN MT ISA AND ALICE SPRINGS. THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL ISSUE IN AUGUST. I WILL BE RETURNING TO BUNDABERG ON THE 22 JULY.

Please also note that there have been a couple of changes to the Calender of Events for 2013. Our advertised **MID-WEEK RUN** on the **10 July** has now been cancelled.

There has been an extra event included which will take place on the **23 June**. This is the **Just Rock – Rock 'n' Roll Combined Car Run** which was to be held in January, but due to the disastrous floods was cancelled. I am assuming that all are to meet at 'Alexandra Park Rotunda' Bundaberg for morning tea and then travel in convoy to Woodgate Beach Bowls Club for a Buffet lunch.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

16 June

This will be a trip to Bundaberg where we will have morning tea at Alexandra Park. I believe that after the floods the park has been cleaned up and they now have a new selection of animals. Lunch will be held at Grunske's By the River. I visited the café today just to ensure that it was back up and running and it actually looked quite lovely, overlooking the now peaceful Burnett River.

23 June

This is the Just Rock – Rock 'n' Roll Combined Car Run. Should you wish to attend would you please contact Rhonda Watson as per Bill's Email on the 25 May.

21 July

This will be a trip to Imbil with lunch at the Imbil Hotel. Bob will forward more details to you all in relation to this event as the date draws closer.

18 August

This will be our Annual General Meeting and will be held at Vintner's Winery in Childers. Lunch will be held at the Winery as well as the AGM.

"Jag On" Gaylene