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PREAMBLE

Life as it is in today's world does seem to have settled slightly and I find it so hard to believe how the months continue to fly by at a very rapid rate. I wish to advise that there has been a **Change of Destination to our Calendar of Events** which is still to be held on **Sunday 27th June**. Our advertised trip was to be an outing to Hervey Bay whereby we were to participate on a cruise down the Mary River, but as the Whale Watching Season commences in July this cruise was the last one until November 2021 and was of course completely booked out. Never fear though – as always, Bob has come up with a very interesting replacement. We are off to the **Brooweena Museum and Market Day** which only operates on the 4th Sunday every three months, and it always amazes me how Bob can source all these different types of activities. He has arranged a Mini Jaguar Car Display and we can enjoy either a Camp Oven Stew and Damper or a Sausage Sizzle for lunch – great cold weather for Stew and Damper.





JAGUAR DRIVERS' CLUB OF QUEENSLAND WIDE BAY BURNETT REGISTER BUNDABERG, MARYBOROUGH AND HERVEY BAY

A WIFE'S PERSPECTIVE – WRITTEN BY GAYLENE McLEAN

Little do we know when we embark on a relationship that our lives will be filled with many, many Jaguars. My first introduction to the **World of Cars** was at 19 years of age when I found myself assisting with the sanding-back of the outside paint work on a **1962 Daimler SP250** – **I Kid you not!!** In a previous life this beautiful Daimler happened to be a Police Car in England – Oh, to be a 'Bobby' driving one of those 'on the beat'. This was a perfect car for the young and free but certainly not suitable as a family car.



THE VERY BEAUTIFUL 1962 DAIMLER SP250



THE VERY SLEEK 1968 S TYPE JAGUAR

With much trepidation this Daimler was sold and, in its place, came a very sleek **1968 S Type Jaguar**, which was certainly a more family-friendly vehicle and was well suited to a family with three young children. It was full of comfort, space, drove like a charm and if I say so myself, I handled this car with expertise and precision – **eat your heart out Peter Brock!** If I thought all those years ago, that, that would be the end of the succession of Jaguars, then I was very much mistaken. Our move to Queensland from Tasmania seemed to stir the passions within and so the obsessions with Jaguars continued and continued and continued. Please do not get me wrong.....I do love Jaguars but.....!!!

Do you know, that apparently according to Bob, Tasmania is one of the best States to purchase a Second-Hand Jaguar – it is freezing cold, no humidity, generally most Tasmanians store their cars in either a garage or an outdoor shed and as long as this Town is not by the seaside then there is less likelihood of **RUST**. Well, that is Bob's theory and he is sticking to it.

My dear Uncle Jim, was Bob's '**Partner-in-Crime**' notifying him when a good buy arose – the plane ticket was booked and off Bob went. This particular purchase was a very beautiful **Yellow/Gold 1977 XJC 2 Door Coupe** and certainly held up to its reputation and the long drive back to Bundaberg from Melbourne was performed without a hitch. I have to admit that this is my favourite Jaguar and it is now resting in Bob's 4 Bay Garage waiting for a few minor repairs.



UNCLE JIM'S WHITE S TYPE AND BOB'S 1977 XJC (TOLD YOU IT WAS VERY SPECIAL)

There was nothing in this world that would prevent Bob from flying to Tassie to purchase a **1967 340 Jaguar**. Poor wife was in hospital having minor surgery, but **'said wife'** had a reaction to the anaesthetic and was forced to stay overnight, which sure did put Bob into a real tizz. Never fear – Bob still managed to catch that flight. Another very long drive was had by Bob and the 340 on their trip back to Bundaberg, but once again they both handled it with expertise. I am pretty sure that there is nothing that a Jaguar cannot do! This Jaguar has now been sold to Bevin and Sandy and it is now receiving heaps of tender loving care.



1967 340 JAGUAR RESTING IN BOB'S 4 BAY GARAGE

Bob was beginning to go into **'withdrawals'** so it was time to fly to Launceston to purchase a **1976 XJ6 Series 11**. This is the car that never ceases to amaze me. No matter the length of time since it has been driven, all that is required, is the swift turn of the key and it immediately **purrs like a kitten** – well maybe not a kitten,

maybe more like a **Roaring Jaguar**. This **XJ6** has had the pleasure of taking our niece (Carissa) to her Wedding in Maleny and our Granddaughter (Anna) to her Year 12 Formal. This is another one of my favourites, maybe because of its reliability.



1976 XJ6 SERIES 11 AT THE WEDDING IN MALENY



1976 XJ6 SERIES 11 AT THE YEAR 12 FORMAL

Over the years **Bob's Life with Cars** has been like a **Roller Coaster Ride**. One such incident involved the Starter Motor of a Fiat X 1.9, Bob's Head, lots of blood and a very quick trip to the Emergency Department. I can thank my lucky stars that this was not the Starter Motor belonging to a Jaguar, as I am pretty sure that if this had been the case it would have been curtains for Bob!!!

Another mishap that comes to mind involved a Kangaroo and my **MG TF** – this beautiful car's life came to a very fiery end and there will be no further words in relation to this catastrophic event, but I can assure you that there were a few tears shed when I witnessed this burnt carcass being lifted onto the Tow Truck. Bob is like a cat with nine lives – a few minor burns to the hands and probably his pride shattered, but other than that all was well except for my Sports Car!! There is never a dull moment in my life with Bob and his cars!



THE GRILLE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL 1968 S TYPE JAGUAR

If you think that I have at last come to the end of Bob's purchases of Jaguars, then you need to think again! Over the last few years there has been a desperate need to travel to Sydney, The Gold Coast, The Sunshine Coast, Brisbane and Gladstone to buy another **XJ6 Series 11**, **two XJ6 Series 1**, **an XJ6 V12**, **a Daimler V8** and **another favourite of mine which is a beautiful 1983 XJS**. I can definitely see a pattern here – obviously, Bob's favourite type of Jaguar must be an **XJ6** – I wonder why that is!



UNCLE JIM AND BOB WITH HIS 1970 XJ6 SERIES 1

Bob purchased the very beautiful **1983 XJS** from an elderly gentleman who lived on the Sunshine Coast. He was heart-broken that his beloved **XJS** needed to be sold but as him and his wife were moving into a Retirement Village, he did not have a choice but to sell it. Bob has taken great care of this **XJS**, building a special shed within a shed, adding carpet flooring, a humidifier to prevent moisture and photos on the wall to make this very special car feel right at home. My guess is that this is probably Bob's favourite car.



BOB'S MUCH LOVED 1983 XJS

Bob and I participated in the 2011 National Jaguar Rally which was held in Canberra and this **XJS** was the car that took us on this journey. We also joined the Post National five-day Rally which covered the areas of Western NSW and the Snowy Mountains. This Rally was extremely well organised and must have taken a great deal of effort by the Committee Members to put into place. Bob, the XJS and I thoroughly enjoyed this trip, and we met some very lovely people along the way.

There is one thing for sure that I can tell you now and that is, that once Bob retires, he will certainly never be bored and so here ends **'MY LIFE WITH JAGUARS'**.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

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As our outing for June is yet to occur, there has just been our very enjoyable trip to Gympie which encompassed a trip on The Mary Valley Rattler.

OUTING TO GYMPIE – 16TH MAY 2021

This was an extremely early rise for Bob and I on a very chilly and windy morning. We were expecting a long and arduous drive to Gympie due to the amount of road works that is presently being undertaken, but as it turned out we had very little hold ups. We arrived earlier than anticipated and as we were about to walk into the Rusty Rails Café we were welcomed with the beautiful melodic sounds of a piano – quite a surprise for that time of the morning. If I thought I was cold when I left Bundaberg then I sure did get an awakening when I sat down for breakfast – I can tell you now, it was a very quick dash to the car to grab my warm jacket!!



DAVE AND MARGIE LOOKING VERY LOVELY

Breakfast was very enjoyable while we waited for members and as many were driving from different locations these arrivals were intermittent. It was so lovely to meet Marcus, Janelle and their dear little girl Catherine who travelled from Brisbane to join our Register and once again it was lovely to see Stu and Wendy. Before embarking on our journey to Amamoor and Dagon there was lots of chatting, handing out of Train Tickets and investigating the ins and outs of The Rattler.



MEMBERS LOOKING VERY HAPPY IN FRONT OF THE MARY VALLEY RATTLER

There were heaps of excitement as we boarded The Rattler and sweet little Catherine had such a beautiful smile on her face and appeared to enjoy all the activity. Due to the number of members in attendance we were able to have a carriage of our own, so our frivolity and laughter did not affect anyone else. Our train attendants on the trip were great and the commentary was excellent. I now know why the train is called the 'Rattler' – it rattles its way around bends and over bridges and gives such a feeling of peace and tranquility. Robert and Toni live on the route on which the train travelled so Robert was up early and placed their 1957 Jaguar Mark 1 3.4 (who is called 'Percy') in their backyard with the Jaguar Flag flying proudly beside it. As we rattled by there was huge cheers – **Well Done Robert**. During the meandering of the train through valleys and farmland the Stewardess was busy supplying soft drinks and alcohol to members so as you can imagine the atmosphere became jollier as time went by. I always love hearing the sound of a train whistle and that occurred quite a few times during the trip.



Our first stop was Amamoor whereby it was time for a coffee and there were sounds of delight as the train was ready for its return trip by use of the Steam Operated Turn Table.



BRIAN BUSY TAKING PHOTOS WITH A COUPLE OF ONLOOKERS



JOSIE, SANDY, TONI AND MARGIE WITH OUR ATTENDANT

It was time to head back on board and our next stop was Dagon where members were able to participate in a Wine and Cheese Tasting, listen to the band and just generally wander about and relax.



MEMBERS ENJOYING OUR SHORT STOP AT DAGUN STATION

Once again it was time to clamber back on board for the final leg of our trip and I was quite surprised when I noticed that the Stewardess was back again selling more alcoholic beverages – I guess it is a good money spinner!! Dianne and I had a great time on the trip back to Gympie with our chatting, giggling and generally just having a very relaxing old time and I thoroughly enjoyed your company Dianne – thank you for making me smile. On our arrival at the Gympie Station, we noticed that our table for lunch was all set up on the station platform and it looked so beautiful. Lunch was enjoyed by all, and little Catherine thoroughly enjoyed her Chicken Nuggets and Chips – such a sweet little girl.





MEMBERS ON BOARD 'THE RATTLER' HAVING A LOT OF FUN

WHAT'S COMING UP?

27th June 2021

This will now be a trip to the Brooweena Museum and Market Day. All members to meet at Corfield Street Brooweena at 10.00 a.m. as Bob has arranged for a Mini Jaguar Car Display whereby, we will have VIP Parking. There will be a Camp Oven operating with Stew and Damper and also a Sausage Sizzle. The Markets are open until 12.00 noon and the Museum is open till 3.00 p.m.

17th/18th July 2021

Saturday 17th July - Members are to meet at 8.45 a.m. at the designated area at Tiaro. We will then drive in convoy to Hell Town Café for Morning Tea at 10.15 a.m. and a wander through the Café.

This will be followed with a scenic drive to Montville whereby we can book into our Motel at 12.00 noon.

The afternoon is free to explore Montville or some members may wish to drive to Maleny.

6.00 p.m. We will meet at The Tavern for Christmas in July

Sunday 18th July – Breakfast will either be held in your Motel Room or at 'The Edge Café' at 8.30 a.m.

After breakfast there will be a drive to Kondalilla Falls.

12.00 noon – Lunch will be held at 'Rick's Garage'.

15th August 2021

This outing will be to Hervey Bay and entail a visit to the recently restored Historical Village. Demonstrations will be held at 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. BYO Lunch or buy Fish and Chips for a picnic lunch along the Hervey Bay Esplanade.

18th/19th September 2021

Saturday 18th September – Further details to come

Sunday 19th September – **ALL BRITISH DAY** which is to be held at St Josephs College Sports Grounds, Vivian Street, Tennyson, Brisbane. This Event will be held from 8.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. and will feature Classic British Cars, Motorcycles and Commercial Vehicles. Food and Drinks will be available on site.

'Jag On'

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