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PREAMBLE

Well, hi one and all. This will be my last Newsletter for 2018 – Oh my goodness, where has that year gone!!

I guess that by now everyone would have organised all their Christmas presents. I find that the purchasing of gifts gets more complicated every year and the hardest task of all is buying for the grandchildren. They are all technological whizzes at a very young age and possess all the gizmos and gadgets required to become these IT geniuses. Having said that though, our grandchildren are all in their teenage years, so I find the best option now is money. Their eyes boggle when they see the varying colours of notes!!

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Xmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. For those of you who will be travelling away from home please drive safely.

My next Newsletter will issue in February 2019 and by then I will be another year older – Oh dear!



ROGER'S BEAUTIFUL MK V

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

As my last Newsletter was written in September quite a lot has happened since then.

First up, our trip to "The Classic Car and Motor Cycle Festival" at Buxton on the 14th October was cancelled due to the very inclement weather in Bundaberg, Maryborough and Hervey Bay. Both Arthur and Robyn and Graham and Jenny suffered damage to their properties from the horrendous storm.

Our Register did visit the Model Aero Club Display in Maryborough on the 28th October.

November and December have been very busy months for us (particularly for Bob and I), which included a 'Shed Day' at our house at Coral Cove and the Combined Overnight Christmas Break-up with both the WBB Register and the Capricornia Register at Monto.

Model Aero Club Display – 28th October

The Maryborough Outing was organised by Nic Case (Secretary of the JDCQ Executive) who is involved with the Model Aero Club. There were many members from our Register who were very interested in visiting this Model Plane Display. I must admit that my interest in Model Planes isn't high on the agenda, but I have to say I was extremely impressed. The Model Planes were actually a lot larger than both Bob and I expected and each plane contained a great amount of detail. It was a fun morning, with lots of chatting, laughter and exclamations of glee. I would like to say a big Thank you to Nic and all the members of The Model Aero Club for taking the time to explain the ins and outs of a model plane.



Members busy chatting to Nic about his lovely plane

Shed Day at Bob & Gaylene's House – 18th November

It was a glorious morning when all the lovely Jaguars drove onto our front lawn and two driveways. The neighbours would have been drooling with envy.

First up, (on my very strict instructions) was morning tea. I know only too well what happens when men walk into a shed full of Jaguars – they are never to be seen again! On the menu was my specialty 'Cream Puffs, Mini Quiche, Citrus and Poppy Seed Cake and of course Gluten and Dairy Free Raspberry and Coconut Slice (which actually is very nice). There was lots of laughter and chatter and the men were relieved when the shed doors were opened to reveal Bob's 340, XJS, XJC, XJ6 and the Daimler. My favourite is the XJC which of course still has a little work to be done on it, so hurry up Bob and get it completed!







Bob's Daimler



My favourite – the yellow/gold XJC 2 door Coupe



Bob's XJ6

Raffle Draw

The winners this month were David and Beverley Killick and they were very pleased to receive a lovely Fruit Tray.

Lunch was held at the "Breeze Café" at Innes park. This café had only just re-opened after being closed for two months. I can't say that the service and food was overly great, but the café is located in a lovely spot and there was a sea breeze blowing which relieved us from the heat. It was lovely to see David and Joan and Peter Carlson.



Members looking very cheery whilst waiting for their lunch – and a very long wait it was!!

Combined Xmas Trip to Monto – 1st/2nd December

It was an early rise for all members on a day which was predicted to be extremely hot and muggy. Wide Bay Burnett Members had morning tea at Mt Perry and Capricornia Members had morning tea at Biloela.



Wide Bay Burnett Members having morning tea at Mt Perry

Lunch was arranged for 12.00 noon at 'The Mulgildie Hotel', where the locals were waiting anxiously for the arrival of the Jaguars. The great display of Jaguars lined the streets outside the hotel and it was, if I say so myself, a magnificent display.

The first stop, of course, was to grab a drink from the bar and then to the Dining Room where it was a buzz with excitement with lots of hugging and of course lots more chatting and frivolity.









The very beautiful Jaguar Car Display outside 'The Mulgildie Hotel'



Bob taking a quick rest before his hectic time was about to commence

The staff did an excellent job of catering for a very large number of people. It is a beautiful old hotel with lots of little treasures to check out – a typical small country town full of friendliness. Bob had arranged a Card/Poker Run Game and this began at lunch.

It was now time for Bob to **'Crack the Whip'** and get everyone into their cars for the drive to Wuruma Dam where the Observation Run was to begin. There was only a very quick pit stop to look at the dam before Bob did his usual trick of herding everyone back into their cars to drive up the hill for the commencement of the Run. Maps and instructions were given out and to the shock of all, I presented them with a **Memory Test** in relation to the Town of Mulgildie and the Hotel. **There were grunts and moans from everyone.**









Very busy time in the Dining Room - talking, eating, drinking, praying and texting!!!

The Jaguars were lined up in convoy and again Bob gave further instructions together with the Observation Run questions – each car leaving at two minute intervals – this process took approximately 50 minutes due to the amount of cars participating. Bob and I then drove back to Monto (at full speed) to the Three Moon Motel where we awaited for the arrival of all the Jaguars.



Bob and I giving instructions to Steve and Vicki – Oh boy, it was very hot standing out in that heat!!

The Observation Run was a heap of fun and enjoyed by all and it does make you realise how **UNOBSERVANT** we all are! I think overall, there was very little bickering between driver and navigator. Bob and I then had the task of marking the Observation Run Sheets.

The male members of our registers then had time to visit Roger's Shed to check out his treasures, and may I add, his treasures are beautiful. Roger is a member of the WBB Register and lives in Monto.



This is Roger's MK V111 which is still in the process of being restored – Love the colours Roger

The MK V on the front cover also belongs to Roger

Christmas dinner that night was held at 'The Grand Hotel' in Monto and the tables were beautifully decorated by Marie and Franklin. Marie and Josie organised all of the Raffle Prizes for the evening and Marlene very kindly prepared a Xmas Trivia which was enjoyed by all. There were lots of frivolity and laughter as Bob read out the answers to the Memory Test and the Observation Run. There was also a little friendly bickering with the judges as to whether a few of our answers were correct. But, I can tell you one thing for sure – NEVER ARGUE WITH THE JUDGES - THEY ARE ALWAYS RIGHT (EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT)!!!!

The highest score winner of the Memory Test was Chris and Marlene Millard and the lowest score winner was Arthur Bock.

The highest score winner of the Observation Run was David and Beverley Killick. They were ecstatic. The single occupant car highest score winner of the Observation Run was Arthur Bock.

The fastest time winner of the Observation Run was Barry Hancock and the slowest time winner was Paul and Josie Mittelheuser.

Winners of the three Cryptic Questions on the Observation Run were Steve and Vicki Williams and Garry and Ros Behrendt.

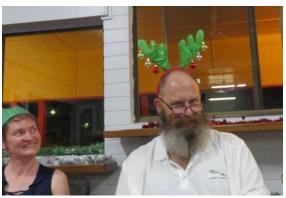
Marlene read out the answers to the Christmas Trivia and the winner of this was Robert Pearce. A big **CONGRATULATIONS** to all these winners.



Congratulations David and Beverley



Congratulations Arthur – love those xmas hats!





Congratulations Robert – love your head gear! Members having a jolly time – where are your xmas hats?

Our last event for the evening was of course the receiving of our Secret Santa Gifts. There was very little stealing of gifts this year which is always a lot of fun to watch, although not if it's your present being stolen!



Great speech Bill



Marie checking out Josie's Merit Badge

Towards the end of the evening Bill made a speech and presented Paul and Josie with Merit Badges. Congratulations to you both.

After breakfast at the Three Moon Motel on Sunday it was then time to proceed to the Monto Historical Complex and once again there was a Jaguar Display for all of the locals. The town of Monto were just thrilled that we had organised our xmas function in their town.

The voluntary members of the Historical Complex opened the doors on Sunday morning especially for the Jaguar Car Club. This village is full of so much history and is lovingly cared for by all the volunteers. The Gold Stamper was fired up and we all scurried from different directions to see it. The men were totally besotted with its workings, although it was very loud. There was something of interest for everyone and I loved the model plane of the 'Beautiful Betsy'. Bob and I have driven to the site where the 'Beautiful Betsy' crashed and it is definitely well worth the very hazardous drive to see it. It gave us both a feeling of eeriness.

Once again I would like to say thank you so much to the town of Monto for its great hospitality.



Weight Watchers Knife and Fork – so they say!!!



Collection of many different articles at the Museum

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The Jaguars outside the Monto Historical Complex



Sandy looking lovely outside the Historical Museum



Lee, Bill and Jill looking very relaxed



Bet you've never used one of these Paul!

Our next and final stop was to the beautiful Cania Gorge. It was actually a very relaxing drive to Cania and once again another picturesque spot. The shady trees and the cool breeze was what the doctor ordered – peace and serenity. First on the agenda was morning tea which was prepared by the ladies of the Capricornia Register, as well as slices from Josie and a cake from yours truly.

Once again Bob was busy organising the completion of the Poker Run/Card Game and the winners of the highest score of the Card Game (which was 50) were Robert and Toni Pearce and Paul and Josie Mittelheuser.

Winner of the lowest score of the **Card Game** was Franklin and Marie Smallcombe and the winner with two pairs of the **Card Game** were Chris and Marlene Millard. **Congratulations to these winners.**



Members in total relaxation mode at the very beautiful Cania – told you it was a glorious spot!

After a bit of relaxation and a beer or two..., the boys decided it was time to sizzle the sausages and onions. This job was very well done by all as the barbeques were out in the extreme heat, with no coverage. The sausages were yummy.



Sandy, Josie, Paul and Bevin chilling out!

Bob congratulating Paul and Josie beside their XK

Our weekend trip ended at Cania where we said our goodbyes to our friends from Capricornia. Once again it was great to see them and we all had a fabulous time.



The "Four Musketeers" – all four of you did a great job – the sausages and onions were great

At this point I would like to take this opportunity to say a **VERY BIG THANK YOU TO BOB** for all the preparation and hard work that went into making this weekend such a success. I would also like to **THANK MARIE** for all her assistance and to Marie and Josie for organising the Raffle Prizes and to Sandy for all her great photography. Also a **BIG THANK YOU TO MARLENE** for the organisation of the Christmas Trivia and a thank you to all others who assisted in anyway. Last but not least I would like to thank all members for attending because without your support there would be no outing.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

17th February 2019

This will be our Planning Meeting, together with our General Meeting which will be held at Walker's Point and lunch will be held at the Woodgate Bowls Club.

Once again I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and safe travelling.

'Jag On'

Gaylene

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